

## Patience

### The busy life

In our busy world we often find ourselves filling our time. We avoid the silence and stillness. We view meditation as a waste of time. People who just sit may be viewed as unproductive. "I'm too busy" has become a common excuse for anything and that excuse is so often condoned. We don't like to wait. We don't like lines or rush hour traffic. We avoid crowds. This kind of life is not the kind the bible says we ought to live.

Filling our lives rushing to do things we do not need to do is not what our Christian biblical leaders teach us. Instead of soccer games, perhaps family time discussing feelings and yeah, kids need to hear it. We need to say it and kids need to hear it. Kids desire it. Instead we often avoid our feelings by filling ourselves with activities. We teach our kids to do the same.

Peace is the goal. We are to seek peace. Our schedules are to exemplify peace. Peace in our minds, hearts, and spirit. We are to be the peace of God. Our refusal to accept and incorporate this idea into our thinking and attitude stems from our dependency upon evil. Patience helps us grow in peace. Peace makes it possible to love. Patience leads to peace and peace leads to love. We can't love if we are often rushing from place to place and activity to activity. If we do not love our life as a Christian we are missing the mark. If we are missing God's plan for us we sin.

### Patient

Nehemiah 9:30 For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you gave them into the hands of the neighboring peoples.

Psalm 37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

Proverbs 14:29 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

Proverbs 16:32 Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

2 Corinthians 1:6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Hebrews 6:15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

James 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

James 5:8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Revelation 1:9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 14:12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

Being patient with others agrees with mercy and forgiveness

Matthew 18:26-35 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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Proverbs 19:11 A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 25:15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.

Romans 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

2 Corinthians 6:6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

Colossians 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Timothy 1:16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

2 Timothy 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

Hebrews 6:12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

James 5:10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

## Wait

Job 14:14 If someone dies, will they live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come.

Job 20:26 total darkness lies in wait for his treasures. A fire unfanned will consume him and devour what is left in his tent.

Job 29:23 They waited for me as for showers and drank in my words as the spring rain.

Psalm 5:3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 33:20 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 38:15 Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.

Psalm 119:95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.

Psalm 119:166 I wait for your salvation, Lord, and I follow your commands.

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Psalm 130:6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, “I’ll pay you back for this wrong!” Wait for the Lord, and he will avenge you.

Isaiah 8:17 I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the descendants of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.

Isaiah 26:8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Isaiah 30:18 Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 64:4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Lamentations 3:24 I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

Lamentations 3:26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Hosea 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Micah 7:7 But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Romans 8:19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 1:7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Titus 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 6:15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.