Patience

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INTRODUCTION

- Patience implies to wait, endure, or suffer as a highly developed choice of willpower.
- It's not just a momentary command to activate your endurance.
- What I want to basically say about patience to sum up when we talk about patience is that patience is a life walk, not an insta walk.

1 Biblical Examples of Patience: Job and Jesus

Job 1; Mark 14:32–42

- So when you look at that context, you need to see that God had faith in man.
- I'm not going to blame God for challenges. I'm going to endure with God through the challenges. That's patience.
- Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.
- If there ever was a time where long suffering commenced, it was certainly at the cross.

2 Patience With Our Spouse

Ephesians 5:22–33

- Husbands, love your wives. Just as also Christ loved the church and gave himself for her.
- It's important that we see here love is vital. We need to have patience with one another.
- We have two different people from two different walks of life that have to be blended together because that's what God wants.
- When you're dealing with your spouse and you're dealing with your children, you have to recognize not everything is instant.

3 Patience With Our Children

Ephesians 6:4

- He says, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- Because I know it's so important for young people to be affirmed to know that they're important too.
- Give me patience, Lord, when little hands tug at me with ceaseless small demands.
- And we need to train our children how to be strong.

4 Patience With Our Lord

2 Peter 3:1–9

- The Lord's not slow or slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering or patient towards all, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

- His patience far exceeds our own patience, and sometimes he's more patient with others than we would ever be.
- And so when we're talking about people that we're not very patient with, realize the Lord's being patient with them.

5 Patience With Ourselves

Philippians 4:4–9; Romans 15:5

- Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
- A lot of times what happens is that we don't think we can do it. We sell ourselves short.
- He knows he has challenges, but at this passage of scripture, he's got confidence. He's got confidence in you, he's got confidence in me.
- Very important that we recognize we need to be patient with ourselves as well.

6 A Universal Need for Patience

Hebrews 10:36; Ezekiel 33:11; James 5:7

- You have need of endurance, so that after you've done the will of God, you may receive the promise.
- The reason we're patient with one another is because we want to go to heaven and we want everybody else that we meet to go to heaven.
- Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth.
- Remember, it takes patience, not just an insta fix, but a long haul type of thing.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I need patience on a frequent basis. Not just right now. I need it frequently, all throughout my life. I need to develop patience and keep patience constant in my life.**

MY NOTES