



Patience

Fruit *of*
the **Spirit**





But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.




“Patience is a calm endurance based on the certainty that God is in control.”






Patience is a love that lasts and will not be easily broken.

What is Patience?




“The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn’t pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.”

THE PICTURE OF PATIENCE



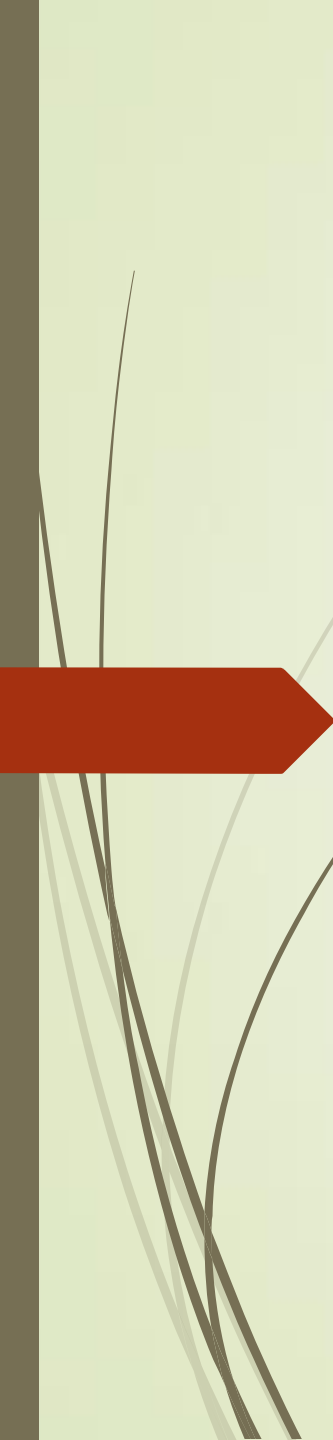
"The poor wretch threw himself at the king's feet and begged, 'Give me a chance [be patient with me] and I'll pay it all back.' Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

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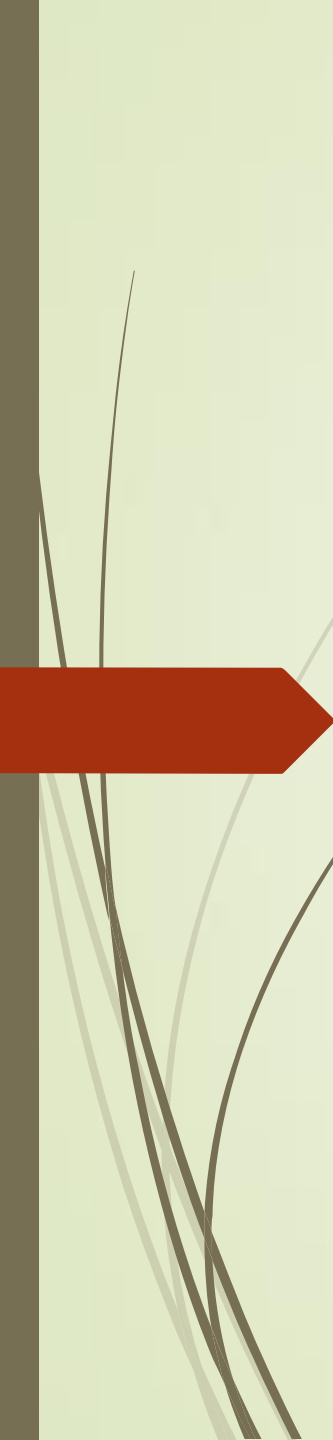
"The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!'"

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"The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance [be patient with me] and I'll pay it all back.' But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

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"The king summoned the man and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?' The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that's exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy."

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Do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4

THE PURPOSE OF PATIENCE




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. 2 Peter 3:9

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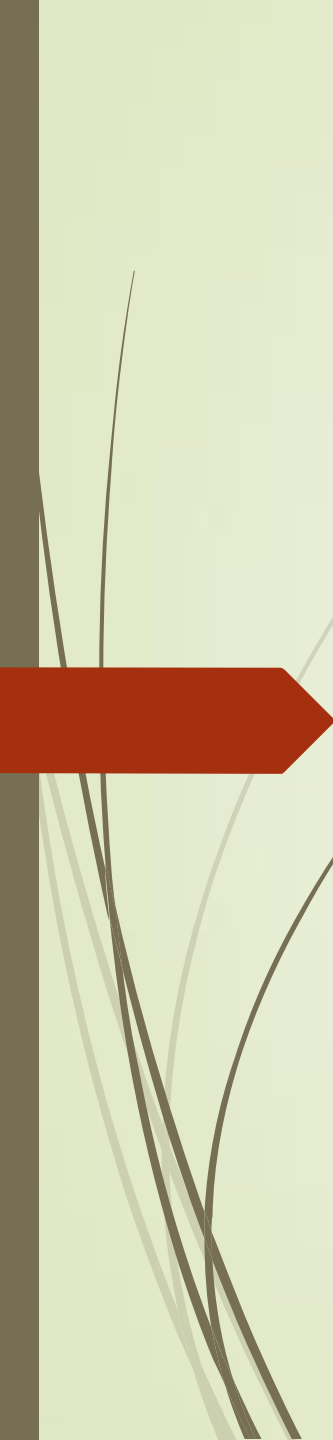
***Interpret our Master's patient restraint
for what it is: salvation. 2Peter 3:15 The
Message***

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

THE PRACTISE OF PATIENCE



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. [13] Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.


Col.3:12-13

THE PRACTISE OF PATIENCE



Slowness to anger makes for deep understanding; a quick-tempered person stockpiles stupidity. Proverbs 14:29 (MsgB)

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

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I DEVELOP PATIENCE WHEN

- I am **CONNECTED** to Jesus (John 15:5)
- I ask **GOD's HELP** (Psalm 145:8)
- I am **THANKFUL** (Ps.103:8-10; 1 THESS.5:18)
- I persevere in **TRIALS** (James 1:2-4; Romans 12:12)
- I trust God's **TIME TABLE** (Ecclesiastes 3:11)