

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Why is patience an important characteristic for the follower of Christ to model?

What does this fruit of the Spirit communicate to others about God and His relationship with His people?

11. If you allow the Holy Spirit to grow the fruit of patience in you, how might that change your outlook on that challenging relationship or situation?

Prayer Requests

-
-
-
-
-



October 22, 2017

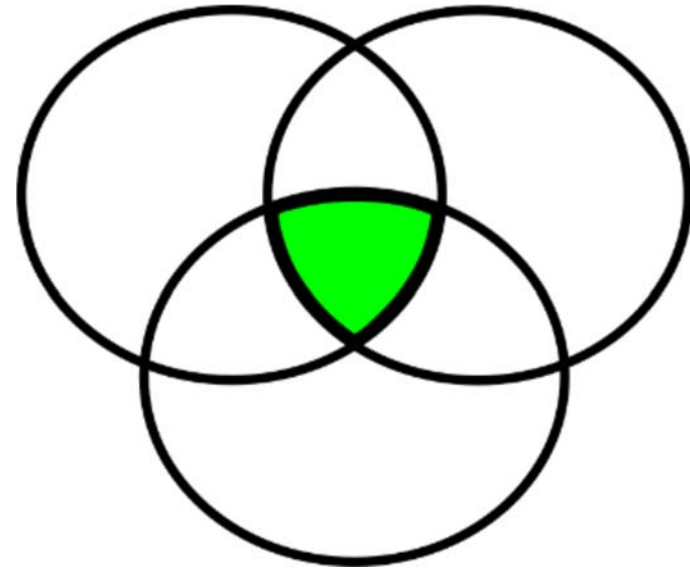
PATIENCE:

It Really Is A Virtue

Mark 10:35-45; John 13:1-5,12-17

AT THE FORGE

Patience: Self-Control and **T** _____ in **F** _____ times, comes from a balance of,



3 ambitions to find more patience:

- To guidance from **S** _____ AND **G** _____ **S** _____
- To **L** _____ and **S** _____ like Jesus
- To a **C** _____ that will allow you to put it all into
P _____

Continue with it until you **E** _____ it

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

OCTOBER 22, 2017

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Our world today moves a lot faster than it used to. What are some differences you have noticed from even just a few years ago?

How do you think the “speed” of our world affects our level of patience?

2. At this time in your life, which is testing your patience more—a relationship or your circumstances?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

3. Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians while he was imprisoned in Rome. Knowing that, what stands out to you about his attitude?

Which specific words or phrases do you find noteworthy?

4. When you come up against resistance and hardship, how much is your attitude like Paul's?

What does it look like if it's not so similar?

5. When your worldview is shaped by putting Jesus and others first, as Paul's was, what changes in the way you respond to challenging circumstances?

Why does it matter how Christians act in trying situations?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

6. With these verses, Paul challenged his readers with the way they relate to others in both attitude and action. Why are complaining and arguing (v. 14) harmful to our relationships, engagement and witness with the world?

How do these traits contrast specifically with the patience and humility of Christ we are called to model?

7. How does the attribute of patience specifically enable us to “shine like stars” (v. 15) before the world?

From verses 12-18, what makes it possible for us to live that way?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

8. What additional insight do these verses give us into Paul's ability to joyfully and patiently endure his circumstances and love others well?

9. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), which means that we are dependent on Him to help us live it out. What is one thing you need to let go of in order to allow the Spirit to take your focus off of yourself and put it on God today (control? fear? pride? etc.)