

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Part 4: PATIENCE

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
Galatians 5:22-23 NASB*

PATIENCE: *macrothumia* (*macro*
- “long” *thumos* - “temper”)
LONG TEMPER

**WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
PATIENCE IN THREE MAIN
AREAS:**

1. Patience with difficult people.

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

"Forbearance is the quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation. It does not quickly retaliate or punish."

“Spirit empowering is not just for joy and miracles, but for this much needed quality of putting up with those who need long and patient love and kindness.” *Gordon Fee*

“Patience is Christ-like reaction to all that is maddening.” *J.I. Packer*

“Holy Spirit-empowered patience is the patience of someone who is ferociously wronged, terribly sinned against, and who has the reason, the right, the ability, the opportunity and the power to avenge the wrong, but doesn’t do it.”

2. Patience in difficult circumstances.

*“We must go through many hardships
to enter the kingdom of God.” Acts
14:22*

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4 NKJV

Patience under trial is our
pathway to maturity.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. Romans 5:3-5 NLT

The only way to develop endurance is to endure. The only way to cultivate perseverance is to persevere.

3. Patience while waiting for prayers and promises to be fulfilled.

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36 NIV

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

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WAIT?

1. We let go of our timeline to get God's timing.
2. We let go of our plan to get God's provision.