

Developing Patience

Following Jesus

Galatians 5:22-23



"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... Galatians 5:22-23 (TLB)

"Patience is not just the ability to wait. Waiting is simply a fact of life. Patience is the ability to keep a good attitude while you wait." (Unknown)

Things that test your patience

- ① I _____
- ② I _____
- ③ I _____



Ways to wait with a good attitude

- ① Stop trying to _____ Everything
- ② _____ up a little bit
- ③ Develop a greater _____



"Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?" Proverbs 20:24 (TLB)

"A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life" Proverbs 14:30 (TLB)

"A man's wisdom gives him patience..." Prov. 19:11(NIV)

Greater Perspective

- ③ Understand: No one is _____
- ③ Extend the _____ you rely on to others
- ③ _____ in God's Sovereignty



"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23 (NLT)

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

"The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Some things require Urgency



...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

"... Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)