

HOW TO DEVELOP PATIENCE #1

Patience, Persistence and Peace of Mind - Part 1 of 6

Proverbs 16:32 (GN) "It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities."

Proverbs 19:2 (GN) "Impatience will get you into trouble."

1. GOD'S PART: HE PROVIDES THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

James 1:2-3 (LB) "Is your life full of difficulties. . .? Be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow!"

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Matthew 19:13-14 (NIV) "Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

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Luke 10:40 (NIV) "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'"

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Numbers 20:10-11 (NIV) "He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, 'Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?' Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank."

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Job 14:14 (NIV) "If someone dies, will they live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come."

2. MY PART: RESPONDING POSITIVELY.

• _____ **A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE.**

Proverbs 19:11 "A man's wisdom gives him patience. It is his glory to overlook an offense."

Proverbs 14:29 "A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays his folly."

• _____ **A SENSE OF HUMOR.**

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

Psalms 2:4 "The one enthroned in Heaven laughs..."

• _____ **YOUR LOVE.**

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient."

Ephesians 4:2 (LB) "Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults, because of your love."

• _____ **ON JESUS' POWER.**

Colossians 1:11 (NEB) "May He strengthen you, in His glorious might, with ample power to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience and joy!"

2 Peter 3:15 (Jer) "Think of our Lord's patience as your opportunity to be saved."