

Got Fruit? Week 4
Waiting for Patience

Proverbs 16:32

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

I. Got Patience?

Things that test our patience:

1. _____

Perspective: View interruptions not as problems but as

_____.

2. _____ / _____

Perspective: God measures time by _____ not

_____.

3. _____

Numbers 20:10-11

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?" 11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

Perspective: The root of impatience is a lack of _____.

II. Cultivating Patience

1. Develop a new _____

A lack of patience reveals _____.

The secret of success is learning to view life from " _____ " perspective.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

_____ is seeing life from God's point of view.

Three Keys from God's Perspective

1. I am only _____.

2. I live with _____.

3. God is in _____.

Proverbs 20:24

A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?

Patience is a sign of spiritual _____.

Proverbs 14:29

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

2. Acquire a _____ of _____

Learn to find the _____ in the _____.

Proverbs 14:30a (TLB)

A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life...

Proverbs 17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

If you can _____ at it, you can _____ with it.

3. _____ your love

_____ someone means you care about his needs and desires, his hurts, his point of view, and not just your own.

Ephesians 4:2 (New Living Translation)

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

_____ is the final product, _____ are part of the process, and _____ and _____ are the source.

4. _____ on the Lord

Developing patience is not a matter of "_____ power" but "_____ power."

Depending on God is believing that his _____ is bigger than your _____.

Depending on God is learning to ask "_____ " versus "_____."

Depending on God is learning to _____ because waiting develops _____ and faith pleases God most.

Psalm 37:7

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Depending on the Lord is realizing that God is never _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.