

Victory Connect Lesson
Help Me Be Patient
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Key Passage: Eph 4:2 NLT - Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Introduction: Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Fruit is produced over time, it is not instant. To be patient means to persist under pressure. Developing and strengthening patience is a continual process for the growing Christian.

1. Patience is listed first among the qualities of love.

1Co 13:4 NLT - Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud...

2. Patience is a fruit produced by the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Gal 5:22 NLT - But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

3. Patience is the pathway to wholeness.

Jas 1:3, 4 KJV - Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience. :4 KJV - But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

4. We must clothe ourselves with mercy towards others.

Col 3:12 NLT - Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

5. Internal patience is greater than outward strength.

Pro 16:32 YLT - Better [is] the slow to anger than the mighty, And the ruler over his spirit than he who is taking a city.

6. Three simple keys to walking in patience with others.

Jas 1:19 KJV - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.**

7. There is great reward for patient endurance.

Jas 1:12 NLT - God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who tests your patience the most?
2. What are your top "patience testers" right now?
3. Share a time you reaped the reward of patience.

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