

Developing Patience

Galatians 5:22-23

I WANT PATIENCE
NOW!!



What animal do you picture when you think of the word patience?

I. God is patient with me

a. God's patience achieves my salvation

- 2 Peter 3:9

b. God's patience plants and grows His Word in my heart

- Luke 8:15
- The good soil is within me, filled with the power (duna) and influence of God
- Patience is a gift I can give away



Discussion: We all lose our patience occasionally, what are some situations in which you become frustrated and lose your patience?

II. When to be patient

a. When troubles are unexplained

- James 1:2-3
- Troubles are a test of my faith
- Problems and patience often come in "pairs"



b. When people are unchangeable

- 1 Corinthians 15:58



III. Why be patient?

- a. Because **God** is in control
 - 1 Peter 5:7
 - God is concerned about the burdens in my life
- b. Because **God** is working things out
 - Philippians 1:6
 - God will finish what he has started in me (it's not what I started, but what God has started!)

Consider: How patient is a caterpillar in a cocoon?

IV. How to be patient?

- a. **Ask** expectantly
 - Psalm 130:5
 - Jesus will fulfill his promise and answer my prayer
- b. **Wait** confidently
 - Micah 7:7
 - I will trust in the Lord and expect his support

Gold Nugget

Nothing can separate _____ from the _____ of God. (Romans 8:35-39)

Application: Learning to wait is a difficult lesson to learn in life. God's timing is perfect; his perspective is bigger than ours. Pray for patience, ask God to help you and ask him for strength. Allow God to work in your heart.



Key Thought: God **sows** his Word in my heart



Key Thought: **problems** and patience come in "pairs"



Key thought: cast your **burdens** on Jesus, because he cares for you