

## DAILY READING: PATIENCE

Today my interaction with others will be characterized by patient love. Patience is an expression of love and love is not only an attribute of God, but God is love. I choose to put my faith in Jesus and follow Him, therefore the fruit of His Spirit is growing in me: patience. This results in fulfilling the intended purpose of my life – to love God and love others. I cannot obtain patience by discipline or willpower. It takes the Spirit working in me. The Holy Spirit is increasing my endurance so even when others irritate me I will respond to them with patience.

Today my interaction with others will be characterized by patient love. Today my words will be compassionate. I will encourage those who need encouragement and challenge those who need to be stretched. But I will do it all with patience because God is patient with me. When I am patient I reflect the Spirit of Christ and not my own willful spirit.

With patience I am able to see beyond others' faults and failures. I am able to tolerate inconveniences and annoyances without grumbling. I will not lose my temper but will persevere when under pressure and while enduring injustice. My trust in Jesus will not waver and I refuse to seek revenge when I am wronged. Today my interaction with others will be characterized by patient love.

Patience is not idle, it requires action. I will take action by reflecting on God's patient love towards me and ask Him to help me be equally patient with others. I will act in patient love by serving and caring for others. Patience is love in action. I am allowing God's Spirit to supernaturally work in me to produce patient love. Today my interaction with others will be characterized by patient love.

### MEMORY VERSE:

Colossians 3:12  
 "Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."  
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## DAILY STUDY: PATIENCE

**DAY 1:** Patience Through God - Galatians 5:22-23 (Page 893); Ephesians 4:20-24 (Page 897); Proverbs 25:15 (Page 499)

**DAY 2:** Examples of Patience - James 5:10 (Page 932); Matthew 18:26-27 (Page 749); Romans 2:4 (Page 858); 2 Peter 3:9 (Page 939)

**DAY 3:** Love is Patient - 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (Page 878); 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 (Page 907)

**DAY 4:** Endure and be Patient - 2 Timothy 3:10 (Page 915); James 5:7-11 (Page 932); Job 1:21 (Page 390)

**DAY 5:** Patience is Not Idle - 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (Page 907); Hebrews 6:12-15 (Page 923); Genesis 21:5 (Page 16)

**DAY 6:** New Self - Colossians 3:1-21 (Page 903); 1 Timothy 6:11 (Page 913)

**DAY 7:** Found Only in Jesus - John 15:4-5 (Page 824); 2 Timothy 4:3 (Page 915). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

### ACTIVITY:

Have you felt impatient? What was it that made you feel like that? Examine the things that have made you feel impatient and ask God to give you patience when you face those situations.

## LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?