

“BECOMING MORE PATIENT”
The Power To Change Your Life, Part 6
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Proverbs 16:32 (GN) “It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities.”

By “testing” our patience God gives us true patience

4 Ways To Test Patience

1. I nterruptions - Matthew 19:13-14
2. I nconveniences - Luke 10:40
3. I rritations - Numbers 20:10-11
4. I nactivity - Job 14:14

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

Impatience is caused by a lack of peace

Galatians 5:22 (NIV) “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience...”

Learning To Be A Patient Person

1. **Develop a new** perspective

Impatience indicates a limited perspective; all I see is myself

The root of impatience is selfishness

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) “A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”

Wisdom is seeing life from God’s point of view, getting God’s perspective

When I’m able to see things from God’s perspective, I gain three important insights:

- I’m only human; I’m not God
- Nobody else is perfect, so I shouldn’t be surprised or overly upset when people make mistakes or let me down
- God is in control, and He can use situations, irritations, and problems that come into my life to accomplish His purposes for me

Proverbs 20:24 (NIV) “A man’s steps are directed by the Lord.”

Patience is a mark of maturity

Proverbs 14:29 (NIV) “A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.”

Maturity involves the ability to wait, to live with delayed gratification

2. **Acquire a sense of** humor

Proverbs 14:30 (LB) “A relaxed attitude lengthens a man’s life.”

We need to learn to laugh at our circumstances & ourselves