

July 8, 2018
Galatians 5:22-23

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PATIENCE

I. Introduction:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

Impatience Triggers:

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II. What The Bible Says About Patience

Patience is “having a long fuse and “hanging in there.”

“Patience is better than pride. Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit for anger rises in the lap of fools.”
Ecclesiastes 7:8-9

“You too be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” James 5:8

Patience Reflects Love:

“Love is patient...” I Corinthians 13:4

“Be patient bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2

“Patience Leads To Spiritual Growth

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete lacking nothing.”
James 1:3-4

Patience Is Rewarded

“God blesses the people who patiently endure testing.”
James 1:12 (NLT)

III. Cultivating The Fruit Of Patience In Our Lives

1. Reflect before _____

“A patient man has great understanding but a quick tempered man displays folly.” Proverbs 14:29

2. Respond With _____

“Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done.” Philippians 4:6

3. Pray for _____ To Replace Yours

Pray like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

“But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

“The Lord is being patient for your sake.” 2 Peter 3:9

You’ve got a choice: React when triggered and cause _____ or respond with patience and cause _____.

Points To Ponder
Week of July 9th
I Corinthians 13

Open It

1. What to you is an unmistakable demonstration of love?
2. *Who is the most loving person you know? Why do you think so?
3. What qualities do you associate with love?

Explore It

4. What makes speaking in tongues, faith, generosity, and even martyrdom worthless? (13:1-3)
5. How could a person use spiritual gifts in a useless manner? (13:1-3)
6. *What do we gain if we don't have love? (13:3)
7. Why is love important? (13:3)
8. *What qualities does love have? (13:4-8)
9. Why will prophecy, tongues, and knowledge pass away? (13:8-9)
10. How will we be different when we see Christ? (13:10-12)
11. What is our spiritual imperfection like? (13:11)
12. How do adults and children act and reason differently? (13:11)

13. How will our knowledge of God change when we see Christ? (13:12)

14. *What is the greatest of all gifts? (13:13)

Get It

15. Why do you think Paul wrote about love to the Corinthians?

16. Why might it be easy to use a spiritual gift without love?

17. How can a person demonstrate love?

18. How should Christians demonstrate love for each other?

19. *In what practical ways can you show a love that never fails?

20. How did Jesus exemplify love?

21. Why won't prophecy, knowledge, and tongues be necessary when Jesus returns?

22. *When have you received the love described in this passage?

23. What is difficult about loving?

24. What expectations do you have, knowing you will see Jesus face to face one day?

Apply It

25. What will help you to remember to use your gifts in a loving way?

26. *How could you show love to a difficult person this week?