

# Patience

**Palms 37:7-9 (ESV)**  
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!  
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only  
to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**Proverbs 25:15 (ESV)**  
With patience a ruler may  
be persuaded, and a soft  
tongue will break a bone.

**Proverbs 19:11 (CEV)**  
It's wise to be patient and  
show what you are like by  
forgiving others.

**2 Peter 3:8-10**

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved,  
that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,  
and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not  
slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,  
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should  
perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day  
of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens  
will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be  
burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that  
are done on it will be exposed.

**Galations 5:22-26 (ESV)**  
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control; against such things  
there is no law. And those who belong to  
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with  
its passions and desires. If we live by the  
Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.  
Let us not become conceited,  
provoking one another, envying  
one another.

**Romans 12:12 (ESV)**  
Rejoice in hope, be patient in  
tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Bearing provocation, annoyance, misfortune, delay, hardship, pain, etc., with fortitude and calm and without complaint, anger, or the like.

Quietly and steadily persevering or diligent, esp. in detail or exactness.

Capable of calmly awaiting an outcome or result; not hasty or impulsive.

Expectant with calmness, or without discontent; not hasty; not overeager; composed.

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Patience is something that is learned over time. You do not just wake up one day a patient and understanding person. So, how do you learn patience?

Trials teach you patience; as you persevere through the lessons that God is teaching you you begin to learn patience. You begin to understand that God is in control of every situation and patience comes with that knowledge.

As you study and grow in your knowledge of God you understand His character. If you understand God's character you know that all things come in His timing. Patience comes with the understanding of God's character. History, displayed in the Bible over and over again, shows God's sovereignty.

If you want patience you spend the time and effort to get to know and love the one in control, spend time in prayer and studying the scripture. If you lack patience it is because you lack trust in the sovereignty of God and His ability to carry things out in His timing.

So, the question is not really how do I get patience. The question is are you ready to press on into the things of God? Are you ready to move forward, leave the old behind, and get to know the one that rules the universe? Are you ready to make the hard choices and stand up for truth when no one else will? This is how you will get patience and all of the other fruits of the spirit.

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Knowing Christ more fully makes us realize that He is easily worth having to deal with anything we have to while on this earth.

The question remains today: when the chips are down will we want to have our comfort, or will we take on the giants even when no one else is coming with us? Do we trust and treasure Christ? For those that are maturing the answer is a lot easier than for those who don't understand the character of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 – Whatever we do ought to reflect who He is, but when we only understand that superficially, it only takes superficial things to knock us down, keep us down, or turn us away.

We know God is almighty but we need to understand HOW He is the most and all mighty, why He is the way He is, what His plans and promises are. When we can truly see His radiance everything else looks dull. We say we understand that but we don't practice ourselves to further understand that. They were dull because they saw Christ as dull, not as bright as He truly is, that is why the writer wanted to go on to understand the perfections of Christ but they weren't even ready for that yet, they were worrying about their friends first.