



Is Patience A Virtue I Want?!

Welcome to the NewDay Worship Service today!

We invite you to reflect on the words from
as we enter into worship...

Patience leads to abundant understanding,
but impatience leads to stupid mistakes.
Proverbs 14:29 (CEB)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
1 Corinthians 13:4-5

*"I realized that the deepest spiritual lessons are not learned
by His letting us have our way in the end, but by His making us wait,
bearing with us in love and patience until we are able to honestly pray
what He taught His disciples to pray: Thy will be done."*

Elisabeth Elliot, Passion and Purity: Learning to Bring Your Love Life Under Christ's Control

READ: 1 Samuel 13:7-13

Saul: Meanwhile, Saul stayed at Gilgal, and his men were trembling with fear. ⁸ Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. ⁹ So he demanded, "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!" And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself.

¹⁰ Just as Saul was finishing with the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet and welcome him, ¹¹ but Samuel said, "What is this you have done?"

Saul replied, "I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would, and the Philistines are at Micmash ready for battle. ¹² So I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us at Gilgal, and I haven't even asked for the LORD's help!' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came."

¹³ "How foolish!" Samuel exclaimed. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. Had you kept it, the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

Job (after he had lost his all his wealth & all his children were killed)

Job 1:20-22: ²⁰ Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said,

"I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave.
The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away.
Praise the name of the LORD!"

²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

Def: Patience = "the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering as well as the ability to endure difficult people and situations without giving into anger or giving up hope."

(OT, Heb: qawah)"to wait," "to expect," especially that of waiting on God (NT, Gk: hupomone) carries in it the ideas of endurance, continuance, steadfastness, perseverance, to suffer long for something worth suffering for.

REFLECT: Where does impatience raise its ugly head in your own life?

What does *impatience* produce in your life?

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you?
Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness
is intended to turn you from your sin?
Romans 2:4



What does *patience* produce in your life?

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Daily exercise for the next three weeks. When you wake up in the morning and when you go to bed at night recite and reflect on the Serenity Prayer...

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen

PRAYER FOR OUR NEWDAY STAFF & LEADERS

We have been looking at where God might be leading us as a congregation to meet each week for worship and ministry. We are in conversations with various churches, places, and ministries in our city. Our goal is to find where we might best collaborate to succeed in our mission, vision, and values. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we pursue these conversations over the next few months in preparation for this fall. Thank you!

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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