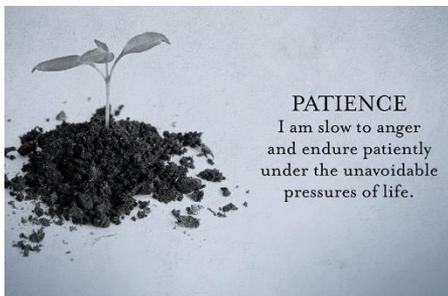


Sermon Notes

Patience: It's Hard to Wait!

April 24, 2022



PATIENCE
I am slow to anger
and endure patiently
under the unavoidable
pressures of life.

What is patience?

- Definition: the capacity to _____ or _____ delay, trouble, or suffering _____ getting angry or upset. (Oxford dictionary)
- Hebrew: “slow to flair the _____”; “to prolong, defer”
- Greek: “_____ suffering”
- Patience is a _____ of the Spirit. “*The fruit of the Spirit is...patience*”
- Patience is key _____ of love. “*Love is patient....*”

Why do I struggle with patience?

1. No _____ to be patient

What in our society feeds impatience?

2. No _____ in my life

How does being busy feed impatience?

3. No _____ for my effort

How does need for gratification feed impatience?

4. No _____ from God

How quickly do you want God to act?

5. I have a _____ nature!

Why is God patient?

a. He doesn't want anyone to _____

- *2 Peter 3:8-9 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

b. He carries the long _____

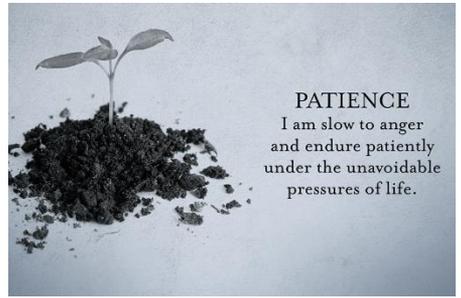
What does patience look like in me?

- a. Patience is evidence of _____ instead of exhibition of _____.
- *Proverbs 14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.*
- b. Patience is the willingness to _____ when our impulse is to _____.
- *Proverbs 16:32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.*
 - *James 1:19-21 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*
- c. Patience allows _____ plan to prevail when _____ plan seems better.
- *Romans 8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*
- d. Patience is an exhibition of _____.
- *1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient"*
 - *Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*
- e. Patience enables me to be part of the _____, rather than part of the _____.
- *1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.*

Be still before the Lord...wait patiently for him (Psalm 37:7)

DAILY DEVOTION: Join email list to start your day with a devotion

Applying to My Life:
SERMON
REFLECTIONS



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Digging Deeper:
STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

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Proverbs 16:32 32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*