

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Patience

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Scripture: **Romans 12:12**

Series: **The Fruit of the Spirit**

OVERVIEW

Identifying and being aware that pure love, joy, peace, and *patience* is perfectly displayed through God, is an important first step in learning how the fruit of the Spirit should be manifested. Understanding how, when, and why we are impatient, along with the truth behind our impatience, helps us to understand more clearly, our sinful failure, in conquering patience.

Patience is a grace that grounds, a practice that protects, and a kindness that comforts.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Psalm 37:7; Psalm 13; Ecclesiastes 7:8-9; James 1:19; Psalm 103:8; Colossians 1:11; Proverbs 15:18 and 25:15; Hebrews 12:3; 1 Peter 2:21-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Joe defined patience as, “a God-given ability to tolerate delay, endure resistance and overcome opposition with a gracious spirit.” Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Name some practical examples of how to cultivate a heartfelt attitude of patience. How does a right view of God and others affect our view? How does simply waiting or slowing down aid our ability to be patient?
2. Do you have situations in your life when you are impatient with God and His sovereign rule? In light of Psalm 13, how does David reason through his impatience with God? How does our submission bring us to a place of praise?
3. Why are we like the world and become impatient? Identify situations in which you are more likely to harbor and feel impatience. How does vanity or pride fuel our impatience? What is the difference between being indifferent and being truly patient? How does being patient glorify God?
4. We need to practice disciplines that bring about patience. Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What does it mean to live a life worthy of your calling? What role does patience play in living the life you were called to?
5. What are the benefits of patience in a believer’s life? How do we continue to encourage it?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 and Hebrews 12:3. Christ’s patience is why we were saved. Given this example in Him, how should we respond when called to be patient? What tools does God give us to practice patience? What areas of your life could you use increased patience?