

Patience -- "I Want It Now!"

INTRODUCTION

1. We live in an "instant" age!
2. Do we have "fruit of the Spirit" patience?

Patience, please...



DISCUSSION

I. Two Greek Words Are Used in the New Testament for "Patience" (or Longsuffering)

- A. Makrothumia (patience in dealing with _____)
1. A classic example (2 Samuel 16:5-7, 9, 12-13)
 - a) What incredible "longsuffering" David had!
 - b) Shimei was just a "nod" from _____
 2. Other passages speak of this level of patience:
 - a) Matthew 18:26 and 29 _____
 - b) Ephesians 4:1-2 _____
 - c) Colossians 3:12-13 _____
 - d) Romans 2:4 _____
 3. This kind of patience is desperately needed by all! (We are always in contact with _____ people!)
- B. The other Greek word? Hupomone (patience in dealing with _____)
1. Not losing heart during _____
 2. _____ is a classic example
 - a) Job 1:22 _____
 - b) Job surely illustrates "fruit of the Spirit" patience!
 3. Let's look at two passages using this word:
 - a) Romans 12:12 _____
 - b) 1 Peter 2:20 _____
 4. Sometimes problems with small things are a great test of this kind of "patience"!

II. Three Areas of Life Where Patience is Critical...

- A. Patience with _____
- B. Patience with _____
- C. Patience with _____

III. What Can We Do to Develop Such Patience?

- A. Look carefully at _____
1. In the _____
 2. In the _____
- B. Remember how _____ God has been with you!
- C. _____ for more patience!
- D. Remember _____! (1 Peter 2:21-23)

CONCLUSION

1. Such patience IS AVAILABLE to us!

