



Patience is Better

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Introduction:

- Interactive message
- Patience in an “instant” society

It is better to be patient than to fight. It is better to control your temper than to take a city.

Proverbs 16:32

Live in peace with each other. We ask you, brothers and sisters, to warn those who will not work. Encourage those who are afraid. Help those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. Be sure that no one pays back wrong for wrong. But always try to do what is good for each other and for all people.

1 Thessalonians 5:13-15

Why Patience is Better

1. A patient person _____

A quick temper causes fights, but patience brings peace and calm.

Proverbs 15:18

A person of great understanding is patient, but a short temper is the height of stupidity.

Proverbs 14:29

2. A patient person works with _____

Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

Psalms 27:14

For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!

Isaiah 64:4

3. Because God is _____

But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and merciful God. You are patient, always faithful and ready to forgive.

Psalms 86:15

The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.

2 Peter 3:8-9

Next Steps:

- ☐ I will re-read today's Bible verses this week
- ☐ I ask for God's help to be patient with: _____
- ☐ I put my trust in God and will wait for his timing in my life, specifically _____
- ☐ Please pray for me, I am not very patient and I want God to stretch me in this area
- ☐ _____