

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PEACE

Junior High Lesson July 26th



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Main Point: God has given us the Holy Spirit to lead us to Jesus and help us live the Christian life becoming more like Him. The fruit of "patience" is often challenging for us. We live in a culture of we want it now. Patience is often about waiting for God's timing. We often get impatient wanting God to act now. There was song written by the rock group U2 which quoted one of the psalms on patience,

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry."

Overview: During the COVID pandemic we have all had our patience tried. Just when we thought it was over, we see a surge in cases and restaurants, gyms and churches beomg shut down again. Students are now dealing with the fact that they will be starting in the Fall online, when many were looking to reunite with their friends at school. So how can we have patience? Well, we can't generate it on our own, this is where we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

What makes you the most impatient in your life? Why does it make you impatient? How can God help you to be more patient?

Let's remember how patient God is with us!

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalm 103

God is patient for those to come to faith in Him!

"The Lord is not slow about keeping His promise as some people think. He is waiting for you. The Lord does not want any person to be punished forever. He wants all people to be sorry for their sins and turn from them." 2 Peter 3:9

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Here are some of the things that make me impatient:

1. Waiting in line for fast food and the person in front me takes forever?
2. When I'm in the grocery store line and a person has a ton of coupons and the checker has to check every one of them with the scanner
3. When someone is impatient with me.
4. When someone doesn't see my point of view and doesn't think I am right when I know I am!
5. When I run out of battery on my iPhone.
6. When someone does the same thing over and over and over and over
7. When I do the same thing wrong and have to confess my sin to God once again.
8. When I pray for something and it doesn't seem to change.

Can you add any of your own? Why is so important to be patient with each other in our church, school or at home. God says this,

"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged."
! Corinthians 4:4

MAIN POINT

1. **At the heart of God's love is patience with us. I often pray, "God you are so good to me despite what you know of me."**
2. **If God can be so patient with us don't you think we can be patient with others.**
3. **When you are impatient, stop and think about why you are being so impatient. Is there something else going on in your life?**
4. **We can also be impatient with ourselves. We don't see the changes we want to see and get down on ourselves.**

Here is great verse to remember:

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6

Discussion Questions With Your Family:

Parents: Talk about what makes you impatient with your kids?

Students: What makes you most impatient with your parents?

Family: Pick your favorite verse on patience and post it in your kitchen as a reminder to be patient with each other!

Share your highs and lows from this past week. Close in pray for each other giving God thanks for your highs and asking God to be with you in your lows.

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