

EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: THE MEANING OF PATIENCE

Definition of patience: The state of endurance under difficult circumstances

KEY POINT: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PATIENCE

Bagalatia 5:22-23 / KwabaseGalathiya 5:22-23 / Galatians 5:22-23 “22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

KEY POINT: GOD IS YOUR PERFECT EXAMPLE OF PATIENCE

Dipsalme 86:15 / AmaHubo 86:15 / Psalm 86:15 “But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”

KEY POINT: GOD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO PATIENTLY WAIT ON HIM

Dipsalme 37:7-9 / AmaHubo 37:7-9 / Psalm 37:7-9 “7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. 8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret — it leads only to evil. 9 For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.”

KEY POINT: YOU WILL NOT ALWAYS SEE THE FRUITS OF YOUR PATIENCE

Jakobo 5:7 / EkaJakobe 5:7 / James 5:7 “Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.”

KEY POINT: PATIENCE IN SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE

Baroma 5:3 / KwabaseRoma 5:3 / Romans 5:3 “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;”

KEY POINT: PRACTISE PATIENCE

1. Be patient with your spouse even when you are tired
2. Be patient with your child when you come back from work
3. Be patient with your colleague who keeps on asking you for help
4. Be patient with your neighbour who does not respect your privacy

REMEMBER:

1. The fruit of the Spirit is patience
2. God is your perfect example of patience
3. God will bless those who patiently wait on Him
4. You will not always see the fruits of your patience
5. Patience in suffering produces perseverance
6. Practise patience