Patient

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* 1. Definition of "patient"
     1. able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious:
        1. From <<https://www.bing.com/search?q=patient+definition&form=WNSGPH&qs=AS&cvid=73666efd231a42798425e930ab205ab5&pq=patient%20defi&nclid=1E5972217D33957D9C30DE5839F327B1&ts=1446336322703&elv=ACzV!ebBcP1hQxd4ksnfJS3dMLifTrY2m6vSaoHIxuDo>>
     2. bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint
     3. manifesting [forbearance](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/forbearance) under provocation or strain
     4. not hasty or [impetuous](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/impetuous)
     5. steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity
     6. able or willing to bear —used with *of* 
        1. From <<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/patient>>
  2. Closely Related terms
     1. perseverance
        1. the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult
        2. continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition : the action or condition or an instance of persevering :
     2. Steadfastness
        1. firmly fixed in place : immovable
        2. not subject to change <the steadfast doctrine of original sin — Ellen Glasgow>
        3. firm in belief, determination, or adherence : loyal <her followers have remained steadfast>
  3. Passages about patience
     1. Ecc 7:7-9 Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart. (8) Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. (9) Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
     2. Pro\_25:15 With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.
     3. Luk\_8:15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.
     4. Rom\_2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
     5. Rom 2:6-8 He will render to each one according to his works: (7) to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; (8) but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.
     6. Rom 8:24-25 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
     7. Rom 12:9-15 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (10) Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (11) Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. (12) Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (13) Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (14) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. (15) Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
     8. 1Co 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant (5) or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; (6) it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (7) Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
     9. Gal\_5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
     10. Eph 4:1-3 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, (2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, (3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
     11. 1Ti 1:15-16 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (16) But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.
     12. 2Ti\_4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.
     13. Jas 5:7-8 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. (8) You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
     14. Jas 5:9-11 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. (10) As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (11) Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.
     15. 1Pe 3:18-20 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (19) in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, (20) because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.
     16. 2Pe 3:8-10 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.
     17. 2Pe 3:13-15 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. (15) And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
  4. If we expect God to be patient with us we MUST be patient with others
     1. Mat 18:23-35 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. (24) When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. (25) And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. (26) So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' (27) And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. (28) But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' (29) So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' (30) He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. (31) When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. (32) Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. (33) And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' (34) And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. (35) So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."
     2. The one who owed money needed more time.
     3. This is often the case, we promise to do something, in this case, pay something, and we are not able to meet our obligations
     4. We need others to be patient with us.
     5. When we receive patience, as the servant did, we have got return that patience to others.
     6. In this parable, the master is clearly God. God forgave the debt having pity, compassion on the servant
     7. But the servant did not return that pity and compassion
  5. Practical applications of patience
     1. Wives, your husband is the sloppiest person you know. He leaves his clothes out, his work stuff out, his tools, etc. Basically, his ability to put stuff up when done with it is non-existent. You are constantly picking up after him. What do you do?
        1. Nag him, and holler at him every time you find something out
        2. Ask him nicely to pick up his stuff
        3. Pick up his stuff for him and love him anyway
        4. Refuse to pick his stuff every again.
        5. Threaten to kill him, if he does it again
     2. Husbands, your wife is loving and wonderful, but she cannot get ready to go on time to save her life. You are constantly late to church and other events that impact others. You and her have discussed this lots of times. She knows there is a change needed. She is struggling to get there. What do you do?
     3. Drinking/Drugs - is a spouse uses these items, there is always a level of distrust that develops over time because the drinker/drug user becomes more interested in the drinking/drugs than in the spouse
     4. Little "white lies" - your spouse has a tendency to tell little white lies about things that are often just not important/significant. You are starting to distrust your spouse because of this problem.
     5. Your spouse has hurt you in some way - harsh words, repeatedly, disloyal, unfaithful, etc. He/She has repented and has promised to change/fix your trust. But, it has been days now, weeks now, or months now. What do you do?
  6. What are the challenges to being patient? What tries your patience?
     1. Having to explain the same thing over and over again. Your spouse, child, co-worker cannot seem to grasp the solution.
     2. Having to work with/live with someone who is lazy or not willing to pull their own weight.
        1. Are relationships/marriages 50/50?
     3. Having to work with/live with someone who only cares about themselves
     4. Having to deal with someone who is not willing to give/change their mind.
  7. How can I manage my patience or improve my patience?
     1. Focus on God first. Getting to heaven.
     2. Be humble, loving, selfless
     3. Put others first - what do they need to succeed.
     4. Change your mind about what makes you happy.
        1. Doing what God wants makes you happy.
        2. Yes, enduring for God's sake makes you happy.
           1. Paul and Silas singing in prison after being beaten
     5. Have an opinion but be willing to change
     6. Who is control of your attitude?
        1. You are. Hence you can control your patience
     7. Limit stress by limiting the amount of work in progress
        1. Take one day at a time - bible tells us this
        2. Produce a list of ToDo's,
        3. Break the items up into small things that can be done in less than 1 day
        4. prioritize them and pick the top 1-5 items to complete today.
        5. Completely ignore the rest of the list until tonight
        6. Finish the top 2-5 items in order
        7. Repeat the same process tomorrow