

Love Is Patient

The Summer Of Love (week 3)

There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

- 2 Tim 3:16 (Msg)

1 Timothy 1:15-17; 2 Peter 3:9

Things That T_____ Our Patience

I_____

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Why Is Patience F_____ In Our Relationships?

Because everybody is D_____

God began by making one person, and from him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God decided exactly when and where they must live. - Acts 17:26

Because our differences create M_____

No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like, except that person himself. - 1 Cor 2:11 (LB)

Misunderstanding comes from four wrong assumptions:

1. That words mean the same T_____ to different people.
2. There is only O____ right way to see things.
3. That O____ way is the right way to see it.
4. That W__ can figure out the M_____ of other people

Because of what happens when we L_____ it

How To Unleash The Power Of Patience In Your Life

See things from a bigger P_____

A man's wisdom gives him patience. It is his glory to overlook an offense. - Pr 19:11

Create more M_____ in your life

Margin is the space between your L_____ and your L_____

A Few things that we help you create some more margin in your life.

- Accept That You Have L_____
- Expect To have P_____
- Put Space In Your S_____
- Prune You're a_____

Make A_____ for other people

Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults, because of your love.
- Eph 4:2 (LB)

Don't sweat the S_____ stuff

Do not fret – it leads only to evil - Ps 37:8

Develop a sense of H_____

A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life. - Pr 14:30

Stay C_____ To God

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
- John 15:4,5

1. The _____ principle
2. The Great Reminder (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

Talking Points

1. As you think about the people we meet and the circumstances that unfold throughout the pages of Scripture what are some of the most powerful examples of God's unlimited patience? Be prepared to share with your group: when the event took, who was involved, what happened and why it required great patience on the part of God?
2. Why does God display such unlimited patience for people like us? How should this truth impact our lives? How much has this truth 'really' impacted your life? Explain.
3. Why do you think that the Holy Spirit moved Paul to begin this classic definition on love by talking about patience? Why do you think patience is so important and foundational to really loving people?
4. Which of the 5 ways to unleash the power of patience in your life do you need to work on the most? Do you think it will make a difference in your ability to ride the waves of a love worth living?