

# Please Be Patient

(Luke 21:19)

## Introduction:

1. Patience is one of the Christian virtues, that if we possess, we will never stumble (2 Pet. 1:5-11).
2. Thus, if one wishes to go to Heaven, the possession and development of these characteristics must be paramount.

## I. The Definition Of Patience

- A. When people today think of patience, they think of bearing up under trials or hardships *without complaint*.
- B. However, patience may be better defined as endurance, and perseverance and not so much “quietly enduring” or enduring without patience.
- C. So the idea of patience is that of endurance, never giving up, perseverance.

## II. We Need Patience In This Life

- A. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- B. (Hebrews 10:36)

## III. Areas In Which We Need Patience

- A. We need patience with ourselves.
  1. (1 Peter 2:1-3)
  2. Christianity is a process of growth, not an event.
- B. We need patience in our marriages.
  1. Divorce is epidemic in our society.
  2. (1 Peter 3:7) Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
  3. (Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 4:32).
- C. We need patience between parents and children.
  1. (Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:21).
  4. Be patient, but patience does not stand in opposition to discipline.
  5. Children also need to understand and be patient with their parents.
- D. We need to be patient in soul-winning.
  1. (1 Peter 3:1-4).
  2. (2 Peter 2:5) Noah.
  3. (2 Timothy 4:2) We are to teach with all longsuffering.
- E. We must be patient in church growth.
  1. The mission of the church is to glorify Christ (Eph. 3:21).
  2. Growth is out of our hands, faithfulness is our concern (2 Cor. 4:2).
- F. We need to be patient regarding the coming of the Lord.
  1. Jesus is coming back (Acts 1:11).
  2. (2 Peter 3:4,9).

## Conclusion:

1. The development of patience will help to keep us from falling.
2. May we work more diligently to be patient, and follow the example set before us by Jesus Christ.