The Virtue of Patience  
(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. Consider the book of Job.

II. 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)  
   3. (Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 4:32).  
C. 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.  
D. 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 (1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:2).  
E. 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.