

CULTIVATING *Character*

Message 4 Patience

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Outline

► *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, **patience**...* **Galatians 5:22 (NLT)**

... *Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults ...*
Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

Patience is essential to...

1. **Accept _____ of others.**
(Ephesians 4:2. C/R: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5;
Colossians 3:13)

2. **Persevere through _____.**
(Romans 12:12. C/R: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 2:20; 4:19)

3. **Trust despite _____.**
(Psalm 37:7. C/R: Romans 8:23-25; 15:4-5;
Hebrews 10:32,35-36)

Answers: 1. shortcomings 2. adversity 3. delay

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starters

What are some ways our culture fosters impatience?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Romans 12:12](#) and [Colossians 3:12](#).

1. In what area of your life are you struggling to demonstrate patience? Is there a particular person with whom you find it difficult to be patient?
2. How does your impatience manifest itself: Anger? Annoyance? Sarcasm? Judgment? Discontentment?
3. What's the underlying reason for your impatience: Pride? Control? Comfort? Fear? Selfishness? Distrust?
4. How have you seen patience/impatience affect relationships in your life?

Patience is a must for deepening our bond with others, but patience is also essential in our relationship with God.

Read [Psalm 40:1-5](#). (See also [Psalm 37:7](#); [Romans 15:4-5](#); [Hebrews 10:35-36](#))

5. What was the writer of this Psalm experiencing while he was *waiting patiently* for the Lord? Was it easy?
6. What came as a result of the Psalmist waiting patiently?
7. Describe a time in your life when waiting on God was really difficult.

One way we can grow in patience is to understand and experience God's amazing patience with us.

Read [Psalm 103:8-11](#).

8. How does this passage describe God?
9. Describe a time you experienced God like this.
10. What practical steps can you take this week to receive more of God's mercy, compassion and patience?
11. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Soul Training

Be aware of your responses to situations and conversations this week. Ask God to help you identify excessive feelings of impatience, and also the underlying source of this irritation and edginess.

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

Memory Verse

...Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults...

[Ephesians 4:2 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Ephesians 4:1-4](#)

Day 4: [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)

Day 2: [Colossians 3:12-15](#)

Day 5: [2 Thessalonians 3:5](#)

Day 3: [1 Timothy 1:15-17](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 6, we'll continue our series *Cultivating Character* with a closer look at KINDNESS. To prepare for the message, read [Psalm 145:8-21](#).



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