



The Fruit of the Spirit -  
PATIENCE

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.



# Human "patience"



# Anger

## *The root causes of anger*

James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?



# Anger

*Desires -*

James 4:2 You want something but don't get  
it....



# Anger

*Want* -

James 4:2 You kill and covet, but you can't have what you want.



# Anger

*You can't always get what you want.*

Mick Jagger



# Anger

*Anger occurs when (1) what we think we need and (2) what we're trusting to meet that need is blocked.*





# Anger

James 4:2 ...You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.



# Anger

James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



# Godly Patience

*Patience = long-suffering.*

"makrothumia"



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1 Peter 3:20 ... who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,



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Colossians 1:11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,



# Godly Patience

Philippians 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,



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<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which *you shine like stars in the universe.*



# God's Patience with People

Numbers 14:1 Then all the congregation raised a loud cry; and the people wept that night.





# God's Patience with People

<sup>2</sup> And all the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron; the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!"



# God's Patience with People

<sup>3</sup> Why does the LORD bring us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey; would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?



# God's Patience with People

<sup>4</sup> And they said to one another, "Let us choose a captain, and go back to Egypt."



# God's Patience with People

<sup>10</sup> Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.



# God's Patience with People

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs which I have wrought among them?"



# God's Patience with People

<sup>18</sup> 'The LORD is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation.'



# God's Patience with People

<sup>19</sup> Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray thee, according to the greatness of thy steadfast love, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."



# God's Patience with People

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.





# His Amazing Example

1 Peter 2:18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.



# His Amazing Example

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.



# His Amazing Example

<sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it?



# His Amazing Example

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.



# His Amazing Example

<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.



# His Amazing Example

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."



# His Amazing Example

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.



# His Amazing Example

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.





# His Amazing Example

<sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.





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