

FRUIT of the *Spirit*

Sunday, September 6, 2020 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Tom Speicher

PART 4 | **PATIENCE**

James 5:7-11

How to Face Trials Patiently

Job 5:7

1 Peter 4:12-13

John 15:20

1. Anticipate the Lord's **COMING**

(v. 7-8)

2. Recognize the Lord's **JUDGMENT**

(v. 9)

3. Follow the Example of God's **SERVANTS**

(v. 10)

4. Be Confident of the Lord's **BLESSING**

(v. 11a)

5. Know God's **PURPOSE**

(v. 11b)

6. Remember the Lord's **CHARACTER**

(v. 11c)

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Welcome to Life Groups! We're studying the fruit that the Holy Spirit grows in our lives as we stay close to Jesus.

Getting Started

Getting to Know You: If you have new people in your group, be sure to introduce everyone and share a little about who you are. After that: *How many times have you moved in your life? Where is the place/city/home you enjoyed living at most? Least?*

Review your message notes and this week's Scripture. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

* Many of this week's questions borrowed from Phyllis J. LePeau et al., *Fruit of the Spirit: 48 Bible Studies for Individuals or Groups* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013).

Benefits of Patience

1. Take a patience inventory. At what times and in what circumstances do you tend to be impatient?
2. Read the following verses from the book of **Proverbs: 14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; and 25:15**. How would you summarize the qualities of a patient person? What contrasts are drawn between a patient and an impatient person?
3. According to **Proverbs 15:18**, how does patience/impatience affect our relationships with others? How have you seen patience/impatience affected relationships your life?
4. **Reread Proverbs 16:32**. Why do you think a patient person is better than a warrior or one who takes a city? How could patience be a great asset in your (choose one) workplace, classroom, home?
5. How does patience—or the lack of it—reveal whether a person is wise or foolish (**14:29; 19:11**)?
6. Think of a person you know who is very patient. In what other ways does that person seem wise?
7. According to **Proverbs 15:18** and **25:15**, how does patience or impatience affect the impact of our speech?
8. Look at **Proverbs 16:32** and **25:15**. What is the difference between patience and passiveness?
9. What is the difference between patience and powerlessness?
10. Why do some people mistake God's patience for passiveness or powerlessness? **See 2 Peter 3:9, 15; Romans 2:4; Joel 2:13; Psalm 103:8**

Taking it Home

11. What changes do you need to make in the way you act and think in order to become more patient?

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12. How we face our anger is directly related to our patience. This week, keep a daily journal of every occasion you have to be angry. Before you go to bed, offer your anger and accompanying frustrations to the Lord. At the end of the week, reflect on how facing your anger affected your patience.

Pray

Based on this study, perhaps we could say that patience requires faith and leads to wisdom. Share requests in your group and then ask God to bless you with a faith that trusts and leads you to wisdom.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford Christian Church. Thank the Lord for their partnership in ministry as our Student Ministry utilizes their gym every week! Pray that God might continue to grow our partnership.



SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

Practice meditating on **Galatians 5:22-23**. Read it 8 or 9 times. First read it quickly, then read it slowly focusing several seconds on each main word. Then begin to memorize these two verses. Make it your goal to be able to know these two verses by heart by the end of September!

Word Find for James 5:7-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁷ **Be patient**, therefore, **brothers**, until the **coming** of the **Lord**. See how the **farmer** waits for the **precious fruit** of the **earth**, **being patient** about it, until it **receives** the **early** and the **late rains**. ⁸ You **also, be patient**. **Establish** your **hearts**, for the **coming** of the **Lord** is at **hand**. ⁹ Do not **grumble** against one **another, brothers**, so that you may not **be judged**; **behold**, the **Judge** is **standing** at the **door**. ¹⁰ As an **example** of **suffering** and **patience**, **brothers, take** the **prophets** who **spoke** in the **name** of the **Lord**. ¹¹ **Behold**, we **consider** those **blessed** who remained **steadfast**. You have heard of the **steadfastness** of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the **Lord**, how the **Lord** is compassionate and merciful.

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