

Patience

Luke 21:19- In your patience possess ye your souls. (KJV)

Patience develops when confidence, faith and trust are placed in the Lord God. Having firm faith in God's goodness and mercy is related to developing patience. Serious believers turn to the Lord seeking patience in addressing life's challenges. Difficulties will arise in life requiring patience in seeking God-pleasing solutions. The soul's protection, care and nourishment require the exercise of great patience.

Romans 15:4- For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (KJV)

Patience leads serious believers along the pathways of life to the Heavenly Kingdom. Eternal life becomes the possibility that turns into reality through practicing patience. Faithfulness to the Lord patiently and earnestly maintained leads to the desired results. God does not disappoint serious believers seeking wisdom and hope in the Scriptures. Believers address the soul's hunger through immersing the self in the Holy Scriptures.

2 Corinthians 6:4-But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, (KJV)

Believers taking guidance from the Lord travel the narrow path to the Kingdom. Life's trials and tribulations are best addressed with patience coming from the Lord. Believers do not overcome trials and temptations alone but only with the Lord's help. The Lord is due proper and prompt gratitude when patience yields desired results. Patience develops within the believer serious about doing the will of the Lord God.

Colossians 1:11-Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (KJV)

Joy results when patience is faithfully practiced in ways pleasing to the Lord God. The Lord God guides the attentive believer in patiently facing life's difficulties. Believers experiencing longsuffering have hope firmly anchored in the Lord's mercy. The Lord strengthens serious believers patiently desiring to be faithfully obedient. Depression and despair are overcome when believers follow the Lord with patience.

1 Thessalonians 1:3-Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; (KJV)

Hope and patience are firmly intertwined in the life of the serious believer in Christ. The serious believer's faith in Jesus Christ remains inseparably linked with hope. Experience in the life in Christ validates the practice of patience as always desired. Impatience leads to hasty actions which can create more problems than already exist. Love the Lord God with great patience and come to know the Lord through patience.

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