



Verse of the Month

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain." (Isaiah 40:3-4, ESV)

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:8-9, ESV)

I. God is patient

II. God teaches us patience

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him." (Luke 2:25, ESV)

III. Patience is developed by seeing things from

_____.

IV. Impatience cause you to _____ than they _____.

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (John 1:20-23, ESV)

The Calling of Patience

1. Patience towards _____.

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Psalm 46:10, ESV)

2. Patience towards _____.

Rather train yourself for godliness (1 Timothy 4:7, ESV)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:2–3, ESV)

3. Patience towards _____.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19–20, ESV)

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love ... (Ephesians 4:2, ESV)

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Love is patient ... (1 Corinthians 13:4, ESV)

Final Note

Patience is not without _____.

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (James 5:8, ESV)

Patience Challenge

1. Pick the longest line, park at the end of the parking lot, pick the slowest lane of traffic.
2. Turn off your notifications on your phone. Completely turn off the phone on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.