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Foundation Scripture: **Romans 15:4-6** –

God gives the power of patient endurance and supplies encouragement!

## I. Patience And Joy

A. **Luke 21:19** – *By your steadfastness and **patient endurance** you shall win the true life of your souls.*

1. The real life that Jesus died for us to have
2. Peace that passes understanding and joy unspeakable!  
Contentment! Satisfaction!

B. The impatient person will never have the true life because they are always upset about something.

C. **Hebrews 10:35-37** – The impatient person will never receive the fulfillment of their prayers because we inherit through faith and patience.

D. **James 1:4** – *But let **endurance** and steadfastness and **patience** have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.*

1. People who are impatient always find a way to avoid or eliminate suffering and discomfort.
2. They never fully develop; they never come to the end of things. To get from the beginning to the end, one must GO THROUGH the middle.

**IMPATIENT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO GO THROUGH ANYTHING!**

## II. Esau And Moses

- A. Esau was impatient, and Moses was patient.
- B. **Hebrews 11:24-25** – Moses preferred to suffer hardships rather than have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life.
1. **I Peter 4:1-2** – Those willing to suffer are finished with intentional sin.
- C. **Genesis 25:29-34** – Esau was too impatient to wait for dinner – he did not want to suffer; therefore, he lost his inheritance.
1. Many New Testament Christians lose their inheritance because of impatience.
- D. **Genesis 26:34-35** – Impatience and a lack of wisdom caused him to marry heathen wives, and they made life bitter and grievous for his family.
1. How often do people marry in error due to impatience?  
  
People also give up on what could eventually be great marriages because they are too impatient to wait for God to change their partner.
  2. An impatient spirit causes one to not follow after peace.
  3. **Colossians 3:15** – Let peace be the umpire. Impatient people often ignore this safety guideline.
  4. Impatience is a fruit of the flesh and, therefore, causes one to follow after the flesh – which produces everything pertaining to death and misery!
- E. **Hebrews 12:16-17** – Later on, Esau sought with bitter tears to undo what he had done – but it was too late!
1. Impatient people frequently regret their actions, but the damage is already done.

### III. Problems Caused By Impatience

- A. Impatience causes stress, and stress causes sickness.
  - 1. A person who cannot wait in a line without being stressed will eventually see the results in his physical body.
  - 2. We are surrounded by imperfect people. Individuals who are impatient with anyone who cannot perform according to their specifications will continually be upset and stressed in relationships. They will also place stress on all the people in their lives and may ultimately end up lonely.
  - 3. **Galatians 6:1-3** – Instruction in dealing with the weak and keeping a proper attitude
- B. We spend more time waiting for our manifestation than we do rejoicing over it. WE MUST LEARN TO WAIT WELL!
  - 1. Otherwise, we can never enjoy the journey.
  - 2. As soon as we receive our manifestation, we begin waiting for the next thing we desire God to do in our lives.
- C. Impatience pushes a person into “works of the flesh.”
  - 1. **Genesis: Chapter 16** – Abram and Sarai became impatient and caused themselves a lot of trouble through their fleshly actions – they opened a door for strife.
  - 2. **James 4:1-2** – Strife is caused by our lusts and desires AND our unwillingness to simply ask God for what we want and wait on Him.
  - 3. I finally learned that when Dave and I got into strife, what I was trying to make happen was probably either out of God’s will or out of His timing.
  - 4. Impatience is often the root cause of manipulation and control – we want what we want, and we want it NOW.

Therefore, we try to manipulate and control people and circumstances (and even God) in order to get what we want!

#### IV. Interesting Facts About Patience And Impatience

A. **Ecclesiastes 7:8** (KJV) – *Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*

1. Impatience is the fruit of pride.
2. Those who think more highly of themselves than they should have an attitude that says by their actions:
  - a. I am too important to have to wait.
  - b. I am too perfect to put up with imperfection.
  - c. I have “my goal,” and everyone in my life should assist me in reaching it.

3. **Colossians 3:12** – Patience means to be long tempered.

B. The Greek dictionary states that patience is a Fruit of the Spirit that grows only under trial.

C. Areas the Bible teaches us to be patient:

1. Trials that come as a result of ministering

For example: You may be trying to help people, and they constantly find fault with you. The devil opposes everything you try to do. (See **II Corinthians 11:26**.)

2. **Hebrews 12:7** – Under chastisement, which is trial viewed as coming from the hand of God for our correction

3. **I Peter 2:20** – Under undeserved affliction

4. **Galatians 6:9** – In well doing

5. **James 5:7** – In fruit bearing

**Luke 8:15** – *But as for that [seed] in the good soil, these are [the people] who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in a just (noble, virtuous) and worthy heart, and steadily bring forth fruit with patience.*

NOTE: **WE CANNOT BRING FORTH ANY OTHER FRUIT WITHOUT PATIENCE!**

- Love requires patience.
- Joy requires patience.
- Peace requires patience.
- Goodness and kindness require patience.
- Gentleness and meekness require patience.
- Humility requires patience.
- Self-control requires patience.

6. **Hebrews 12:1** – Be patient in running the appointed course of the race set before you.

7. Patience perfects Christian character.

8. Fellowship in the patience of Christ is, therefore, the condition upon which believers are to be admitted to reign with Him.

**Revelation 1:9; 3:10** – Patient endurance

D. To exercise patience, one must endure something.

E. Patience (defined/Vine's/Greek) *Hupomone* – An abiding under.

1. For example: Staying with or staying under – even things or people that are unpleasant and difficult

F. Patience is rendered as **long-suffering** in some texts.

NOTE: **Patience is not easily attained. But once the price has been paid to have it worked in us – we can no longer be controlled by the devil, by circumstances, by disappointing people, life's disappointments, traffic jams, grocery store lines, slow clerks, no clerks, or anything else life has to offer!**



