



Part 2 – Love Is Patient

I Corinthians 13:1-4a

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I Corinthians 14:1 “Let love be your greatest goal.”

I. WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT THAT WE DEVELOP PATIENCE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS?

A. Every person is different.

B. Perception doesn't always mean reality.

I Corinthians 2:11 “No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like, except that person himself.”

C. Patience will re-establish control in a negative situation.

Colossians 3:12-13 “Since God chose you to be the holy people whom He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you.”

Proverbs 15: “A soft answer turns away wrath.”

***Ecclesiastes 7:8-9 “Finishing is better than starting! Patience is better than pride!
⁹Do not be quick-tempered--that is being foolish.”***

Proverbs 15:18 “A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.”

II. WHAT DOES PATIENCE LOOK LIKE?

- A. Patience assumes the **best** about another person even if there isn't enough evidence to do so.

*Ephesians 4:1-2 "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ²Be humble and gentle. Be **patient** with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."*

Philippians 4:8 "Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others."

- B. Patience remembers how patient **God** is with us.

*Romans 15:5-7 "May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other. ⁶Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷So **accept** each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified."*

- C. Patience doesn't just talk, it **listens**.

Proverbs 19:11 "A man's wisdom gives him patience."

*Proverbs 18:13 "**Listen** before you answer. If you don't you are being both foolish and insulting."*

- D. Patience treats others **the way** we want to be treated.

Philippians 2:4-5 "None of you should think only of his own concerns. Consider other's interests also. Let your attitude toward life be that of Jesus Christ."

- E. Patience is acting like a **child** of God.

*Luke 6:27-35 "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³⁵ ...Then your reward will be great, and you will be **children** of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."*

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