



Welcome to Sierra Community Church

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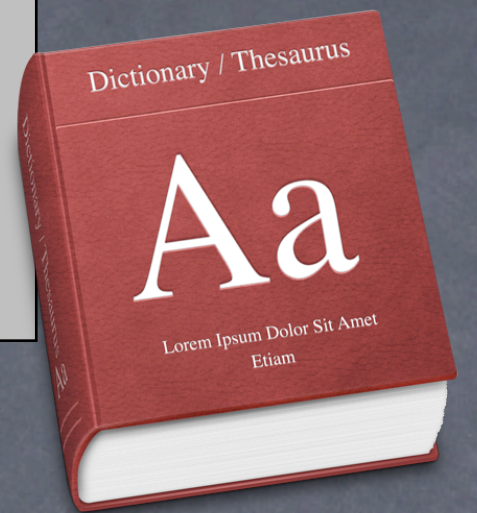
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*THIS IS TO MY FATHER'S GLORY, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT,
SHOWING YOURSELVES TO BE MY DISCIPLES. - JOHN 15:8*



Definition



patient |'pā sh ənt|

adjective

able to wait without
becoming annoyed or
anxious

Commitment to the Great Commandment

-Mark 12:30-31



God is Patient

ROMANS 2:4 DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW KIND, TOLERANT, AND PATIENT GOD IS WITH YOU? OR DON'T YOU CARE? CAN'T YOU SEE HOW KIND HE HAS BEEN IN GIVING YOU TIME TO TURN FROM YOUR SIN? - NLT

2 PETER 3:9 THE LORD IS NOT SLOW TO DO WHAT HE HAS PROMISED, AS SOME THINK. INSTEAD, HE IS PATIENT WITH YOU, BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT ANYONE TO BE DESTROYED, BUT WANTS ALL TO TURN AWAY FROM THEIR SINS.



God is Patient

1TIM. 1:16 BUT FOR THAT VERY REASON I WAS SHOWN MERCY SO THAT IN ME, THE WORST OF SINNERS, CHRIST JESUS MIGHT DISPLAY HIS UNLIMITED PATIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE ON HIM AND RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE. -NIV



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Noah's unscientific but still useful survey...

**1. Do you feel like others are patient with you
(particularly when you don't deliver as expected).**

Yes No

2. Who are you most likely to *impatient* with?

Parents Co-worker Children Husband/Wife
Stranger Other _____

3. When did you last pray to be more patient?

In the last week

In the last month

In last year

Can't remember

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**When did you last pray for patience? - by far, the
most common response from men was "Can't
Remember" - on the other hand the most
common answer for women was "In the last week"**

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**The one question almost everyone
agreed with was - Would describe our
culture as being "patient"?**

Overwhelming, the answer was NO!



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Pride

JAMES 4:6 "GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE"

Patience in an impatient world...

GENESIS 12-16

ABRAM AND SARAI

PRIDE



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μακροθυμία

"Macro" means "long, or slow", "thumia" means "heat or energy or anger or wrath" -- slow to get angry, you have a long fuse, you don't boil over quickly, you know how to manage or control your anger and frustration.



Patience in an impatient world...

1. BE HONEST WITH GOD...

Psa. 6 1:1 ¶ Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

Psa. 86:6 Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.

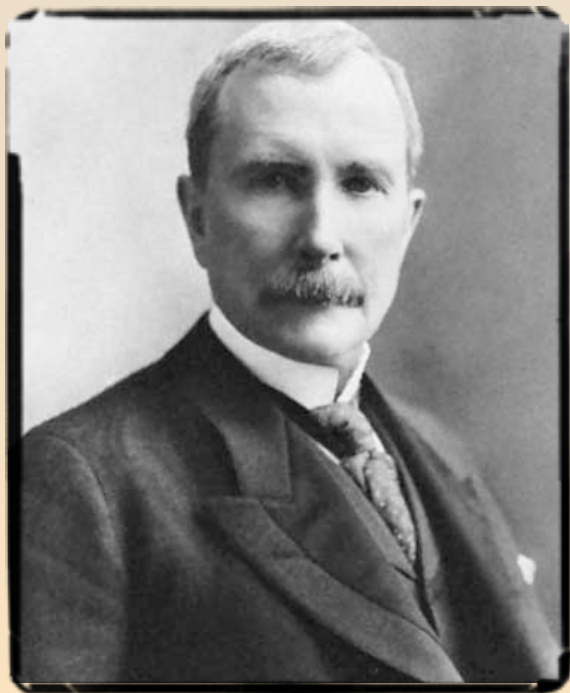
Psa. 143:1 ¶ O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Psa. 39:1 2 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping.



Patience in an impatient world...

2. REPENT OF YOUR PRIDE AND LUST FOR MORE...



*John D. Rockefeller, founder of
Standard Oil, was once asked,
"How much money is enough?"
He responded, "Just
a little bit more."*



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2. REPENT OF YOUR PRIDE AND
LUST FOR MORE...

**Heb. 13:5 Keep your lives free
from the love of money and be
content with what you have**



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3. LOVE OTHERS WITH THE PATIENCE GOD SHOWS YOU...

Psa. 86:15 But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Col. 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.



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4. GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHARACTER THAN YOUR COMFORT..

James 5:10 Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Rev. 1:9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance



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5. THINK ABOUT WHAT PATIENCE LOOKS LIKE...

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry





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