Patience in an impatient world...

Learn from

ROMS2:4 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?

Survey says...

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 last year

In the last month Can't remember

Two keys to understanding impatience.

1. instant-gratification-ville.

Learn to say no. Realize the value of hard work and delayed gratification. Focus on people not things.

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The story of Abram and Sarai



Over,

1. Be

with God...

Psa. 61:1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

2. 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

3. Love others with the patience

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

4. God is more interested in

your

Rev. 2:2 (Ephesus) I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance

5. Think about what patience

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

Going Deeper

In the story of Jonah, God reminds Jonah of the depth of his patience as he deals with the Nivehites. How is God reminding you of his patience today?

When I find myself out of patience - to do talk to God about it or just vent to others?

This week talk with your spouse or close friend and talk to them about what is most likely cause you to boil over.

Commit to spending some time this week thanking God for the patience he has for you. Ask Him to help you exemplify that patience with others!