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Introductory Thoughts

We tend to be an impatient people.

We've been looking at the fruit of the spirit.

A member of Abraham Lincoln's cabinet who frequently argued with him about his policies was Secretary Stanton, a man who had very definite opinions about things.



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God Has Been Patient with Us

We often wonder why the world has to be the way it is.

In the Old Testament God demonstrated patience.

Exodus 34:6 – Numbers 14:18 – Psalm 86:15

In the New Testament God is known for His patience.

*Romans 2:4 – 1 Peter 3:20
2 Peter 3:9 – 2 Peter 3:15*



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We Must Demonstrate Patience Also

Remember we're trying to find out how we ought to live.

Longsuffering has been described as the quality of putting up with others, even when one is severely tried.

Hear the scriptures:

Galatians 5:22 – Ephesians 4:2 – Colossians 3:12



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We Must Demonstrate Patience Also

We sometimes get impatient with those who are lost.

We need to remember God's patience in the days of Noah, along with how Paul instructed Timothy to preach.

1 Peter 3:20 – 2 Timothy 4:2

Do I demonstrate that kind of patience with my brethren?



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We Must Demonstrate Patience Also

God has been longsuffering with us, therefore we must learn to demonstrate that same quality.



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God's Patient Waiting Will Not Last Forever

God was patient during the days of Noah.

Acts 17:30

God has been patient with us.

How long will God's patience endure?

Revelation 6:10 – Luke 18:7-8

Consider the song - "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee".



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Concluding Thoughts

Philippians 2:1-8

In order for the world to see the Spirit living in us we must develop the mind and attitude of Christ.

Two questions must be answered this morning.

How well do I practice patience?

How much longer will God be patient with me?



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