

Patience

Overview: There are three foundational sins which challenge every person. The first sin committed by satan (Isa 14:12-15) and by every person is pride (Gen 3:5). This first sin is followed almost instantly by impatience (Gen 3:6); then immediately afterward comes fear (Gen 3:8). Of these, impatience is primarily a sin of the soul and this deadly sin can cause major challenges. Patience is one of the most important Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; Ecclesiastes 7:8) because in your patience you possess your soul (Luke 21:19). Miracles occur through walking in patience (2 Cor 12:12 and Heb 6:12).

A. Definition of Patience

- 1) Merriam-Webster's Definition: of Patience (noun) = The capacity, habit or fact of being patient. Patient (adjective) = **Steadfast despite opposition**, difficulty, or adversity. 2 Peter 1:6-12; 1 Thess 1:3
- 2) **Joyful endurance** despite challenges. Col 1:11; James 5:10-11

B. How to Achieve Patience

- 1) Not walking in pride (sin of the heart) helps you to achieve patience. Psa 24; John 2:15-16; 1 Tim 6:4-12
- 2) Not walking in fear (sin of the body). 2 Tim 1:7; 1 John 4:18
- 3) In all your ways acknowledge Him. Prov 3:5-6; 1 John 2:23
- 4) Be careful (anxious) for nothing, but in everything by prayer. Phil 4:6; Heb 10:36
- 5) Cast your cares upon Him. Peter 5:7; Psa 55:22
- 6) Check with the Holy Spirit on every decision. Psa 119:105; John 16:13
 - a) If you are doing what God told you to do, then the following is true:
 - i. You are in God's perfect will. Rom 12:2; Mark 3:35
 - ii. Your answer is always "I'm doing it because God told me to." Acts 22:14; Acts 27:25
 - iii. Doing what Jesus would do. Phil 2:13; 1 Cor 11:1
 - iv. You are working unto the Lord. Col 3:23; John 6:26
 - v. You are in peace because you are where God wants you to be. Isa 26:3; John 20:21; Luke 1:79

C. Benefits of Being Patient

- 1) You possess your soul. Luke 21:19; Matt 10:28
- 2) You are aligned and consecrated. John 17:19; Heb 10:20
- 3) You are in the Kingdom of God and under the anointing. John 3:5; 1 John 2:27
- 4) You can count it all joy: every challenge or temptation a joy. James 1:1-8; Rom. 8:27
- 5) You are being led by the Holy Spirit, not by mind control spirits. Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18
- 6) Through faith and patience you can inherit God's promises. Heb 6:12; 2 Thess 1:4
- 7) Patience will keep you from the "hour of temptation" in the End Times. Rev 3:10; Heb 12:1

Recommendation: Learning to walk in patience will guarantee that you will be successful in every area of your life (2 Peter 1:6-12), wanting nothing (James 1:4).