



Part 4: Patience James 5:7-9 May 24, 2020

1) Definition: Patience “*Makrothumia*” means _____ .
The opposite is to have a short temper, or “short fuse”.

2) We become impatient when we have a level of expectation or even sense of entitlement and become frustrated when they are not met in our timing or our way.

3) What we believe about our future completely effects how we are experiencing our present. When we have certain hope in Christ for the future it gives meaning to every moment of life, even the challenging and seemingly mundane.

4) Why Patience is Essential:

- Patience is essential to our _____
- Patience is essential to building good _____
- Patience is essential to our Christian _____
- Patience is essential to knowing the _____

5) We are to be patient people because God has been so _____ with us.

:: LIFE APPLICATION

1) Would the people who know you best describe you as a patient person? Why?

2) In what situations do you tend to feel your patience being tested lately? What expectations or entitlements do you have in these situations? What do you sense God saying to you about it as you spend time in His word and prayer?

3) In James 5:11 we read about the patience of Job and the fact that every prophet of God had to learn patience in order to persevere. Who is someone you admire for their patience? How has their example impacted you?

4) What are you looking forward to the most about Jesus' second coming and his promises of the new heaven and earth? How does that future hope effect your present perspective? What do you want to be found doing when he appears?

5) Read 2 Peter 3:8-13. What does this passage tell us about how God looks at the passage of time? How does that contrast with our view of time? What does this passage tell us about the patience of God?