

Be patient.

Main passage: Psalms 37:1-10

Other passages: Galatians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Psalms 40: 1- 3, Psalms 34:15, 1 Peter 3:12, James 5:7, 2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 6:15, Hebrews 10:36, John 1, Psalms 103:2

Today I want to share a message about the fruit that has to be manifested in all the sons and daughters of God.

When we come to Jesus and His Holy spirit dwells in us His fruit has to be manifested

Galatians 5:22. ²²“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,” Love has to be present in all aspects of our life, joy and peace in the middle of any circumstance. I want to talk about one of all these. I am going to talk to you about longsuffering, patience, the fruit of the spirit that dwells in us. Do you know anyone that is impatient? We all know of someone that is, but for sure we also are so this message is for you.

Patience comes from the latin word Pati which means to suffer. Sometimes persons suffer while they wait. Look at kids, they are very impatient, tell them that a present for them can not be opened, they will start asking all the time when can they open it because they want to open that present, or if they are sitting for a long time during a trip, they will be asking all the time how much longer will the trip take. Sometimes we are like kids, we get impatient when we are waiting for something but we don't realize that the Lord has given us patient through His Holy Spirit. Many times He wants to deal with us about this issue in one way or another. There are things that require time, you have to wait, like a woman that's pregnant, she has to wait, there is no other choice, for the baby to be born, the greater the blessing the more impatient you are.

We have to be patient with one another because patience is a fruit, the Lord wants us to be patient, we see in the bible people that were patient and they got many blessings from God, and we also see people that were not patient and it was a chaos. One example is when Israel left Egypt and Moses told the people that he had to go to the mountain because he needed time with God. Moses went to the mountain and God gave him the commandments but meanwhile something happened and after 40 days the people went to Aaron and told him to do a God, they were impatient, they could not wait for Moses to go down. The first commandment is not to have false Gods, no to do images. God gave the commandments because He knows what His people needs are and before that commandment is given they are already breaking it. Sometimes we don't wait to do God's will but we do things in our will and we do it wrong because we are not patient and we don't wait for the will of God. When Moses goes down the mountain he finds the people dancing in front of a false God, many lives got lost that day because of not waiting for Moses to go down the mountain, because of being impatient, because they didn't wait and decided they wanted to have their own God.

This is what the enemy uses, he will attack you and make you do a movement without God, he will make you anxious and for you to be anguished because you put your sight on time.

Don't look so much at the time but put your eyes in the things of God, delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. When you are with God and you delight in Him time does not exist because you don't want to separate from God.

Don't do the same that the people of Israel did at that time, after seeing all those miracles, after only 40 days, they did a terrible sin because they could not wait, because they were impatient.

Abraham received a promise but his wife gave him an advice that was not from God to get that promise, she advised to have the son with the servant and that brought consequences. The son of the promise came later at God's time. Human beings are always wanting to do things their way and not God's way. Do things God's way not yours, the time is the Lord's.

Men and women want to change the plans of God but His plans are perfect and not taken away, be patient and wait for what the Lord has for you. Big promises and blessings come but you have to wait and trust. Those that have not patience get angry soon, wrath comes. When someone's patience is difficult for that person to get angry and do things his/her own ways. Doing things according to the flesh won't have a good end. You have to wait on the Lord, He will multiply your strength, the Lord says, "wait I am working".

Patience is necessary to experience the best of God, so be patient. Wait and obey the word of God as the men of God did. While the disciples were waiting and obeyed, while they were praying the Holy Spirit came down and blessings came.

How many people have lost their blessing because they have been impatient? Because they have done things their own way? They have not waited and blessings have been lost. They have joined with the person that God did not have for them, they let their emotions and heart guide them instead of waiting and trusting in the Lord for that person to come to your life. Be patient, the Lord has the person that is for you.

We live today in a world where technology makes all very fast, everything gets taken to your house. With all that technology we can do everything at home, everything is done quick and easy, the quicker the better. The more we want the more impatient we are, the more comfortable we are the more impatient we are. In the past people did not have cars and they were not impatient, they waited hours and days, they were more patient but today we want everything fast, and the kids are the most impatient and that is the new generation.

Be patient, pray and read the bible. Be careful because due to a moment of impatience you can give a bad testimony to others. Problems will bring patience to your life. Sometimes the Lord allows circumstances to test you so you can examine yourself and realize if you are really patient in the middle of the circumstances, to realize if you let the Lord act or if you, in the middle of the anger, are the one who take control and act.

We have to have self-control. The trials and circumstances that the Lord allows is for us to examine us. Look at Moses, in the middle of the anger he hit the rock and that caused him not to enter the promised land. If you don't control your anger you can lose many things, your family, friends, and that is the result of not being patient.

1 Corinthians 13:4 says that love is patient. Jacob is an example of patience, he was in love and he agreed to work seven years to marry Rachel but his future father in law instead of giving him Raquel he gave him Leah and he worked another seven years to be able to have Rachel as his wife. 14 years in total, he was a man that really was in love. A person that loves will wait the time that needs to be waited.

The person that really loves you will wait for you the time that is needed. A person that loves God waits, does not get impatient.

Psalms 40: 1- 3. The Lord wants you to enjoy waiting. The Lord has listened your prayer, wait on Him, He will respond, He has seen that you have waited and overflowing joy will come. Your wait will make other people see that you are a person that trust and wait in the Lord and because of your patient people will see that the glory of God will come to your life but be patient and trust in the Lord, don't listen to advices that will take away the peace. A good advice will give you peace.

The Lord listens, He is not deaf, The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry., Psalms 34:15, 1 Peter 3:12. But we need to learn to wait.

James 5:7 Be patient till the Lord comes, the Lord is coming soon. The farmer needs to have a lot of patience, he depends on the mercy of God for the rain, the farmer does his work trusting that the Lord will send the rain.

Be patient and have faith that the Lord will do the work. Japanese bambu takes seven years to grow. Imagine someone watering the land for seven years and nothing happening but then in six weeks it grows 30 meters after those seven years. Our lives many times is like this story, people won't understand what you are doing but you are preparing the land for the great blessing that is coming to your life and when it comes, all will see that God has responded and what you planted with tears you will collect with joy. We are not perfect, we have a hard time having patience but the Lord is working in our character and wants for us to live our life according to His will

2 Peter 3:9 . Every day is an opportunity for you to repent and be saved, everyday we have the mercy and the love of God. God is patient, that is why He ask for us to be patient.

Noah took 120 years to do the ark and God gave the opportunity to that generation to repent, He waited the time that took Noah to do the ark. God is merciful, He is good, patient, but He has His times, don't allow for the doors to close and you stay outside. If you have gone far from the ways of the the Lord you can go back again to the ways of the Lord, He is good and His mercy is great, He doesn't want for any one to be lost, He waits with His great love.

Hebrews 6:15. If you know how to wait patiently then you will receive the promises. He has promised but He asks for His people to wait patiently to reach the promises. Learn to wait patiently although with your physical eyes you don't see it, spiritually many things are happening, trust in the Lord that He will do His work, He will bless you, don't lose your

patience, don't allow your testimony to be bad because of a moment of anger, don't take revenge.

Hebrews 10:36 Patience is needed. Be patient one with another, with our sons and daughters. That can be hard, sometimes parents lose patience with their sons or daughter but God sent them to you to treat your patient. Parents that aren't patient can not teach their kids,. Parents ask the Lord to give you patient so you can teach your sons and daughters in the ways of the Lord.

If you're married you need patience and glory to God for those that are there because the Lord has sent that person to treat your patience and where there is love there is patient.

Brother and sister in church, be patient, we are not perfect, let have patience with one another, wait for the time and the will of God, then you will inherit the promise.

Ask God to give you patient. God wants you to grow in all fruit of the Holy Spirit, don't give a bad testimony because you have not been patient, wait in the will and times of God, those who wait will receive new strengths and will receive the blessings.

Life now is not easy. Sometimes we get tired but you can correct your error , repent, be wise, don't let your anger, your impatience to control yourself, you have power, you have the Holy Spirit in your life, you have self control, don't allow for your character to be greater than the character of Jesus in your life, imitate Him that He is meek and humble in heart, that is what He says in His world.

Every day is a new day that the Lord has given to us. Do not let this word contaminate you because they want everything fast.

Sometimes we worry because we don't see the answer but it is not that the Lord is not listening, it is that the time has not come. Remember Lazarus story, John 11. The Lord is never late, The Lord is not slow in keeping his promises, He will do the work, only believe, don't lose your joy or peace because of putting your eyes on time. The Lord comes at the right time, be wise and wait, all those who wait will receive strength.

We see all that the Lord has done in our lives but sometimes, when problems come, we forget and our faith decrease. As the psalmist says, Psalms 103:2 Praise the Lord , my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Never forget what the Lord has done in your life, be patient. He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:30)