



The Importance of & Lessons From Pushing & Pressing Through Impatience Tuesday, 29 November 2022 Bible Study



Impatience

not patient, restless or short of temper especially under irritation, delay, or opposition, intolerant sense, eagerly desirous, anxious, not willing to wait!

“A strong sense of annoyance at the (usually) unintentional faults and failures of others.”

1. *Impatience* generally is:

- An emotion (what kind?);
- Shown when you are easily annoyed or provoked;
- Reason why hate being late or having to wait for something or someone;
- A refusal to wait for people or developments, frequently displaying a lack of faith;
- Opposite of patience, the habit or trait of being able to wait calmly or even tolerate discomfort without complaining.

Did you know impatience opens door for fear and doubt, weariness, irritability, anger, negative emotions?

“IF YOU TRUST IN GOD, HE WILL GIVE YOU ALL YOU NEED TO BE PATIENT.”

One writer noted if God is the author of patience, Satan must be the author of impatience. Agree or disagree?

Do you have an issue, problem with impatience and if so when and where?



Impatience reveals our desire to be in control. Agree or disagree?

Where or when do you feel impatient?

2. *Impatience* biblically is:

- God putting us in “pause” (wait on the Lord) mode for His glory using Jesus as a model. Jesus “waited for His disciples, He waited for the crowds, He waited for His parents, He waited for crucifixion, He waited for glorification, and He is waiting to return. His life, death, and resurrection are pictures of faithful waiting.



- God wanting us to wait and trust Him and eliminate processes that cause distrust.
- God is working through our waiting by using this time to test, teach, and train us for what lies ahead.
 - Abraham and Sarah waited for a son (so did Rachel and Hannah).
 - Joseph waited for a promotion.
 - Moses waited to lead the Israelites out of slavery.
 - Joshua waited for the Promised Land.
 - Ruth waited for a husband.
 - David waited to become king.
 - Elijah waited for rain.
 - Job waited for suffering to end.
 - Paul waited for release from prison.
- One writer says, “Scripture reveals impatience is a sin. When we are impatient, we are not loving, we are not manifesting the Fruit of the Spirit, we are not living in a manner worthy of our calling, and we are not acting as God’s chosen ones.” Agree or disagree?

3. *Impatience* is the opposite of patience (NIV):

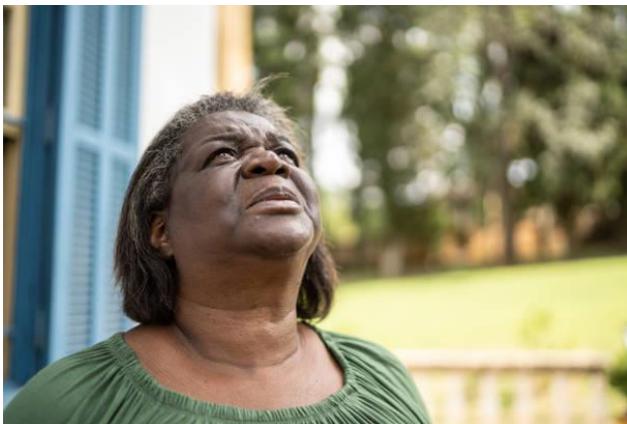
- **Romans 2:7** “To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, God will give eternal life.”
- **Hebrews 6:12** “Do not be sluggish but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
- **Proverbs 14:29** “Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.”
- **Psalms 37:7** "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways when they carry out their wicked schemes."
- **Exodus 14:14** "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."
- **Galatians 6:9** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- **Proverbs 16:32** "Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city."
- **Habakkuk 2:3** "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."
- **Philippians 4:6–7** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- **Romans 5:2–4** "Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings (tribulation), because we know that suffering (tribulation) produces perseverance (patience); perseverance (patience), character; and character, hope."
- **Romans 8:25** "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
- **Romans 12:12** "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
- **Micah 2:7** “You descendants of Jacob, should it be said, ‘Does the LORD become impatient?’”
- **Job 21:4** “Is my complaint directed to a human being? Why should I not be impatient?”
- **Numbers 21:4** “They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea,^[a] to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way...”

4. *Impatience* can be pushed and pressed through to patience:

Patience is knowing your triggers (having to repeat self, people are late, slow traffic, someone who prays too long).

Patience is being aware of our atmosphere (social, home, work).

Patience is waiting on the Lord with the confident expectation of a positive result in which we place a great hope.



Patience is waiting on the Lord by trusting, seeking, and praying establishing our faith bringing serenity and stability.

Patience is waiting on the Lord which is also a testimony to others who will see our faith and, as a result, put their trust in God.

Patience is the opposite of impatience and a goal worth committing to.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.” Psalm 4:1-3 (NIV)