

"LORD, GIVE ME PATIENCE...and QUICK"

(The Fruit of the Spirit - Lesson Four) (Galatians 5:22-23a)

Fact: When any believer consistently "walks in the Spirit", God gives {patience}! It is also called {longsuffering}.

I. GOD IS VERY {PATIENT / LONGSUFFERING}

*Exodus 34:6 *Numbers 14:18 *Romans 2:4 *II Peter 3:9

*Lamentations 3:22-26

Note: To be patient is to be like {God}.

II. GOD {COMMANDS BELIEVERS TO BE PATIENT / LONGSUFFERING

*Revelation 1:9 *Psalm 37:7 *I Thessalonians 5:14 *II Thessalonians 1:4

Note: The New Testament word means {joyful}, under {suffering}.

III. GOD TELLS BELIEVERS {HOW} TO BE PATIENT / LONGSUFFERING

- 1. Patience is a fruit of the {Spirit}.
- 2. Patience comes through the comfort of the {Scriptures}.
- 3. Patience comes through the {scars of experience}.
- 4. Patience comes through the {support of other believers}.

<u>Fact</u>: The basis of <u>patience</u> is {f<u>aith</u>}. (Romans 8:24-25 / Revelation 13:10c)