



## FRUIT - Lesson 2: Patience

### FOR YOUR EYES ONLY: Parent Notes

We don't like waiting for things. We prefer instant gratification, but waiting is a big part of life. We spend a lot of time waiting for things, but if it's something we really want, it's worth the wait.

These are some things we have to wait for:

- Waiting in line at a restaurant
- Waiting to get on a ride
- Waiting for coach to put me in the game
- Waiting until I am old enough to drive
- Waiting for my future spouse
- Waiting for God to answer my prayers

If we listen to the Holy Spirit, we can learn to develop Patience to help us wait. Patience is not just waiting for something. **Patience is waiting with a good attitude.** Patience is not our enemy. Patience is our friend.

Patience will keep us out of debt. We don't have to borrow money to get the things we want. We can choose to save our money over a period of time to get something we really want. If we teach our kids to save money, this will be an invaluable habit that will help them throughout their life.

**Patience is a big part of how we trust God.** The Apostle Paul said, "Through faith and patience we inherit the promises." When we ask God for something, it's rare that we get an answer to our prayers instantly. Saying a prayer is like planting a seed. We need to trust God that He will answer our prayer and that involves patience and time.

Patience helps us to "not be weary in doing good." At times it feels like I am doing a lot of good things but nobody seems to notice. Maybe I am teaching kids every week, but the parents don't seem to appreciate it.

Galatians 6:9 says it like this, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (NLT)

People may not notice what you are doing, but God does, and He says you will reap a big harvest if you don't give up. **Patience helps me to not give up.**

**In summary, today's lesson has three points:**

1. Patience is waiting with a good attitude.
2. Patience is a big part of how we trust God.
3. Patience helps me to not give up.

#### **BOTTOM LINE:**

Patience - Waiting with a good attitude.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

#### **PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS**

"Father God, show me how to guide (insert your child's name) to walk patiently." Amen

*Pray this prayer each day for your children.*

#### **ONE ON ONE**

- There are many moments throughout every day, where we have to be patient.
- Watch for those moments that you can "guide" not preach your child through - patiently.

#### **Be prepared**

- Waiting in line at a restaurant
- Waiting to get on a ride
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## BIBLE STORY

# The King Patiently Waits

## READ THE BIBLE

1 Samuel 16:11-12

2 Samuel 5:4

## THE STORY

- David was anointed King of Israel when he was still a young man.
- It was 20 + years before he actually ruled as King of Israel.
- He was summoned to the King's Court because he could minister to the Lord and it soothed Saul. (David may have thought that this was his time to be groomed for King, but he was wrong.)
- After he defeated Goliath, David became a national hero.
- Saul became jealous and tried to kill him many times - he even sent him to the front lines of battle, but did not succeed.
- Even after Saul died, David had to wait patiently because Saul's cousin, Abner, appoints another as King. (2 Sam. 2:8-11)
- David waited patiently because it was the right thing to do.
- Even though he knew he was anointed to be King, he waited until he was appointed.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. How many years did David wait to become King? (20 +)
2. What were some obstacles that he faced? (Saul killing him, other people not recognizing he was anointed as King)
3. Why did he wait patiently? (he wanted the blessing of God, it was the right thing to do)

## HOME DEVOTION LESSON

# Seeds

## BOTTOM LINE:

There are many times that we need to patiently wait.

## NEEDED:

Package of seeds

Small planter

Bag of potting soil

## HERE IS WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the family and plant the seeds.
- This lesson will be a real-time lesson in patience.
- Every day you can check to see if the plant pops through the soil.
- Mark it on your calendar and count the days.

## HERE IS WHAT YOU SAY:

- Today we are planting these seeds.
- We are also marking our calendar today.
- Every day we can check to see when the plant will pop through.
- How long do you think it will take?
- We will have to be patient because this plant will not pop up tomorrow.
- We live in a world when we get everything we want instantly.
- Drive-through restaurants.
- We carry cell phones and can talk and text at every moment with our friends and family.

## HERE IS WHAT YOU DO EXERCISE:

- Talk about an incident when you had to use patience.
- When we are patient, it allows us to trust God by looking to Him.
- Not everything in life is instant.
- There are times that we have to wait and, when we do, learn how to do it with a good attitude.

## REINFORCING POINTS:

1. Patience is waiting with a good attitude.
2. We develop our patience over time.
3. Patience helps us to not give up while we are waiting.