

In Step Patience

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If there's one thing we all could use in a world of "I need it now," it's patience. But patience doesn't just help us in long check-out lines; it teaches us something important about God.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Needing patience means our normal, desired way of doing things has been interrupted.
 - Patience isn't a price you pay; it's a gift you've been given.
 - It's because of patience that heartbroken people can still believe in love, that we can have joy despite the circumstances, that we can have peace during the storm.
 - Patience allows us to keep trusting God when things aren't going our way.
 - What is your initial response when things don't go your way, when you have an unwanted interruption, when you feel like God has let you down?
 - When we're impatient, we often turn to a number of other options other than God.
 - Patience teaches us to wait, so we can learn to trust God.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what area of your life are you struggling the most to have patience?
2. How does your patience reveal or manifest itself? Anger, irritability, sarcasm, judgment, discontentment, rushing decisions?
3. What do you think is really underneath your patience? Fear, distrust, selfishness, lack of control?
4. Patience can often teach us how to trust God. In what ways have you experienced that you *can* trust God? What challenges have you experienced?