

Study Guide

Sunday March 28, 2021

“The Art of Patience”

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be **patient** with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

2. Points to Remember

- A. Patience is the quality of God that restrains His righteous wrath.
- B. It takes humility to recognize how patient the Lord has been with us.
- C. Patience is what keeps our anger from becoming the master of us.
- D. There is a time for proper accountability in a loving community.
- E. The Spirit gives us patience by showing us the long view of things.
- F. In the end patience is putting our trust in the Lord’s timing.

3. Bible Verses

Psalms 103:8-10	He does not treat us as our sins deserve
1 Timothy 1:16	Christ Jesus might display his immense patience
James 1:19-20	Human anger does not produce the righteousness
2 Timothy 4:2	With great patience and careful instruction
Romans 2:4	Kindness, forbearance and patience
2 Peter 3:9	Instead he is patient with you

4. Discussion Questions

- A. How important has patience been in this time of pandemic?
- B. What people do you find most difficult to be patient with?
- C. What is it that helps you to find the patience of the Lord?