

PATIENCE

INTRODUCTION

To have your children and your wealth taken away from you in one day is a nightmare that few people experience. House fires have done this to parents as they look on, weeping and screaming as their children perish and their belongings vanish before their eyes. It is a hard thing to take. Job took this kind of pain, and he endured it with patience. How does a person get to the point where they can say, "...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

BIBLE LESSON

Patience, or Longsuffering, is the ability to take many wrongs from people or circumstances without getting angry, and without striking out. Patient people bare pain without complaint, hold out under duress, and have the temperance that keeps them from "blowing up" even though they are suffering adversity. Biblical patience is God given and is developed through work. This lesson explores patience.

Yahweh is patient. Romans 15:5, 2 Peter 3:9

Jesus was our example. Isaiah 53:7

Patience is developed by the trials we go through. Romans 5:1-3, I Peter 5:8-11

Patience must be used in our lives. Romans 2:6-9, Luke 8:15, Psalms 40:1-4

APPLICATION

If you had to design a trial to increase your patience, what would your trial look like?