

GOD'S EXTREME MAKEOVER- PATIENCE

Looking Good From The Inside-Out – Part 3

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Galatians 5:22-23

1. THE RIGHT PICTURE OF PATIENCE

"...Patience is better than pride. Don't be quick-tempered, for anger is the friend of fools." Ecclesiastes 7: 8-9 (NLT)

■ Patience reflects love

"..be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4: 2 (NLT)

■ Patience leads to spiritual growth

"For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything." James 1: 3-4 (NLT)

■ Patience is rewarded

"God blesses the people who patiently endure testing..." James 1: 12 (NLT)

2. THE REAL PROBLEM OF PATIENCE

"For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want." Galatians 5: 17 (NIV)

A. OVERLOAD

B. EXPECTATIONS

C. PRIDE

3. THE RADICAL PLAN OF PATIENCE.

a. Reflect before I respond.

"Those who control their anger have great understanding..." Proverbs 14: 29 (NLT)

b. Respond with prayer.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.” Philippians 4: 6 (NLT)

c. Pray for God’s Kingdom to replace yours.

“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be honored. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6: 9-10 (NLT)

“...and He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” Matthew 6: 33 (NLT)

“The Lord...is being patient for your sake.” II Peter 3: 9 (NLT)