

The Mark of a Christian-The Fruit of the Spirit: Longsuffering
Ephesians 2.4; 1 Thessalonians 5.14; James 5.7-11

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Introduction:

I. Patience in Circumstances

- A. Longsuffering with G_____
- Parousia (_____)
- Epiphaneia (_____)
- Apokalupsis (_____)

- B. P_____ with God

1. W_____
2. A_____
3. I_____
4. T_____

II. Patience in Community

- A. Longsuffering with O_____

- B. P_____ in community

1. W_____
2. A_____
3. I_____
4. T_____

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- We have studied three of the fruit of the Spirit. Can you name them in the order they appear in scripture?
- Why would anyone choose the old word “longsuffering” rather than a more modern word like “patience”?
- Can you give some examples in your life when it seemed God did not show up?
- What did you think when God seemed absent?
- Were you ever able to resolve this in your mind?
- Why is grumbling sinful?
- How do you respond to the list of helps toward our longsuffering and patience with God?
- What about other people tempts you with impatience?
- Is there someone in particular that you need to apologize to for your impatience?
- Which of the four steps to patience is most difficult?
- Can you give some examples of how longsuffering has brought spiritual growth in your life?
- How does God’s longsuffering with you help you with your longsuffering towards others?
- How might longsuffering relate to love, joy, and peace?