

Patience: Fruit of the Spirit

Introduction

The fruit reveal the ideal man, the beauty of Jesus, what His Spirit produces when he controls our hearts. So with each fruit we have a test of what is winning the battle for our heart's allegiance.

Today we look at patience. It is mentioned many times in the bible.

1. What is it?

a. patience trusts the design of God

The patience paradigm:

God allows circumstances in your life such that you need to learn patience;

Patience teaches you that God is in control;

 When you believe God is in control, you trust Him;

 When you trust him, you enjoy true peace;

 When your heart is at peace, he uses you to bless others.

Can you trust that God is completely in control? That Romans 8:28 is true:
God works together in all things for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

b. patience resists our own demands

The question is, what will you demand in a Genesis 3 world?
Impatience is the fruit of demanding what you can't control.

What does patience do? It remains under.

2. Where is it needed?

Trying circumstances

James 1

Unanswered prayer
Luke 11

Personal deliverance
1 Tim.1:15f

Suffering unjustly
1 Peter 3:17

Bearing with sins of others
Matt.18:21-

Bearing with slowness of others
1 Thess.5:14
2 Tim.3:

3. How is it developed?

Patience blossoms in the soil of God's grace, his patience toward you.

That means the world is ultimately divided between two kinds of folks:

1. Those for whom God is waiting
2 Peter 3:

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance

2. Those who are waiting for God
James 5:7-8
Ps.27:14
Is. 25:6-9