

Patience, Kindness, Goodness

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Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23

*Influence of the **Flesh*** Galatians 5:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

vs.

*Influence of the **Spirit*** 2 Corinthians 5:17, Mark 4:20 Includes: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

Also includes: holiness, humility, compassion, forbearance, contentment, thankfulness, considerateness, sincerity, perseverance, etc.

All improve unity. Ephesians 4:1-6

Patience: 2 Peter 3:9, Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:13-14, Colossians 3:12-13,

2 Timothy 2:24, 1 Corinthians 13:4

Patience when others are unkind

Patience when others are unaware

Patience when we're waiting on God

Patience in circumstantial adversity

Kindness and Goodness:

Kindness-active desire to recognize and meet the needs of others

Ephesians 4:31-32

Goodness-kindness at work

Galatians 6:9-10

Discussion questions:

1. What do you need to know about God's justice and faithfulness to endure mistreatment patiently?
2. Think back over the past 48 hours. How have you dealt with others' shortcomings? What attitudes about yourself and others would help you be more patient?
3. Are you waiting for God to do something? How do you think God wants you to pray and act during this time of waiting?
4. Think back over the past 48 hours. How aware were you of the needs and well-being of the people around you?
5. What opportunities have you had over the past couple of days to do good...
 - a. In your daily work?
 - b. At home or to your family?
 - c. To another believer?
 - d. To an unbeliever?
6. What frequently hinders you to act on opportunities to do good?