

Add To Your Faith

“Patience”

Text—[2 Peter 1:3-11](#)

A. Review

1. All 7 of these virtues go together
2. These are not natural among us.
3. We can only obtain these through God.
4. So...Add to your faith virtue, To virtue knowledge, To knowledge self-control and Today: to self-control PATIENCE!

B. Add to your faith PATIENCE

1. steadfastness, endurance, perseverance
2. One who is not swerved from his purpose by even the greatest trials and sufferings

#1 Patience means “Not quitting”

[Hebrews 6:12](#)—do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

#2 Patience must be pursued

[1 Timothy 6:11](#)—O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

#3 Patience is motivated by faith, hope and love

[1 Thessalonians 1:3](#)—Paul remembered their “work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”

#4 Patience Prompts Compassion

[Matthew 18:26-27](#) The unmerciful steward

#5 Patience requires suffering

- A. [James 5:10](#)—My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.
- B. [James 1:2-4](#)—My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

C. (a.k.a. Long-suffering [Galatians 5:22](#))

1. Can we harm our children by protecting them from everything?
2. Let them fail. Let them make mistakes. Let them be hurt.
3. We have taught ourselves “pain is bad, avoid it at all costs.”
4. With that has come the enemies of patience and perseverance

#6 Enemies of Patience:

A. SELFISHNESS

1. The only times selfishness is mentioned in the Bible it is amidst: “contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbiting, whisperings, conceits, turmoil”
2. Do any of those sound “PATIENT?”

B. DISAPPOINTMENT

1. Many follow Christ expecting He will eliminate **all their problems**
2. When they have a hard time overcoming a **temptation...**
3. When they are still **financially strapped...**
4. When their **marriage** doesn’t get any better...
5. When the **job may even get harder...**
6. When **grades don’t come up**, disappointment and discouragement makes them impatient.

C. BOREDOM

1. Are you an activity addict?
2. Some think Christianity is supposed to be that way.
3. Some denominations are based on excitement and emotion
4. In [Revelation 2-3](#)—
 - a. **Thyatira** began to spice up things with immorality and idolatry
 - b. **Laodicea** became lukewarm and was told “BE ZEALOUS!”

D. SLOTHFULNESS

[2 Peter 1:8](#)—For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will **keep you from being ineffective and unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.