



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.

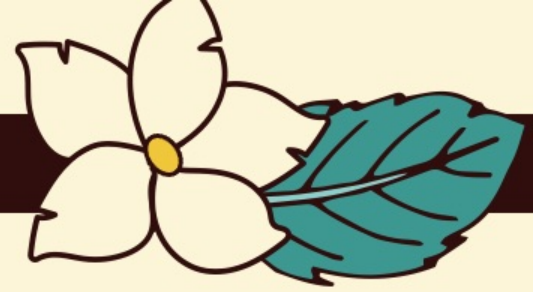




The Fruit
of the Week

PATIENCE





The word patience in the Greek is the word *macrothumia*. It is defined as enduring suffering, forgiving others and being slow to anger.





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God is this kind of patient.

EXODUS 34:6-7A NIV

⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."



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It is how God interacts with us.

NEHEMIAH 9:17 NLT

¹⁷They refused to obey and did not remember the miracles you had done for them. Instead, they became stubborn and appointed a leader to take them back to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. You did not abandon them,



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Jesus is the ultimate example for us.

1 PETER 2:19-25 NLT

¹⁹For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. ²⁰Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

²¹For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.



1 PETER 2:19-25 NLT

²² He never sinned,
nor ever deceived anyone.

²³ He did not retaliate when he was insulted,
nor threaten revenge when he suffered.

He left his case in the hands of God,
who always judges fairly.

²⁴ He personally carried our sins
in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin
and live for what is right.



1 PETER 2:19-25 NLT

By his wounds
you are healed.

²⁵ Once you were like sheep
who wandered away.

But now you have turned to your Shepherd,
the Guardian of your souls.



Ultimately, when God is patient towards us and forgives us, He is choosing to carry the weight and to bear the cost of our sin.



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1 PETER 4:12-13, 19 NLT

¹²Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

¹⁹So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.



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COLOSSIANS 3:12-13 NIV

It means we are willing to put up with others.

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.



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EPHESIANS 4:2 NLT

It means we are willing to put up with others.²Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.



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JAMES 1:19-20 NIV

¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.



So, what does the fruit of patience look like in our lives?

It means that we are slow.

2 PETER 3:9 NIV

⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



Our lives tell the story of divine patience. When we understand the story of the outrageous amount of patience that God has extended to us it can help us extend it to others.

