

“Life in the Fast Lane”

The faces of patience

Forbearance
Longsuffering
Endurance
Perseverance

The tests of patience

Circumstances and things
People
God

The pathway to patience

Train yourself to be godly
Walk in the Spirit
Draw on God’s grace

The fruit of patience

God will bless you abundantly
You will have all you need
You will abound in every good work

James 1:2-4

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

1 Timothy 4:7

⁷Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

Galatians 5:16-25

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:1

¹As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.

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