

Lord, Give Me ...
Eph 4:1-6, Ga 5:22

1. **Theology is how we think about God.**
2. **Don't pray for patience because God will give you reasons to try your patience is Bad Theology!**

Truth is, we need to pray:

Lord, Give Me Patience.

3. What does it mean to be Patient?

- a. To Wait: patience is the ability to accept delay or disappointment graciously.
- b. Slow to anger: Patiently and bravely enduring misfortune and troubles without losing heart.
Patience is the ability to endure difficult people and situations without giving into anger or giving up hope.
- c. Patience is Relational and Patience is a Journey.
Patience allows others to grow and develop at a pace that is God given.
- d. Patience holds onto an element of expectant hope.

When we are patient with others, we acknowledge that they are not yet who they are created to be.

e. Patience enables us to remain steadfast under strain and to continue pressing on.

❖ **And here is the Good News! Patience is a Gift from God.**

Patience is one of the Fruit of the Spirit.

Patience is part of our Salvation.

It is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who enables and transforms our impatience nature into a nature that reflects the patience of God.

Lord, Give Me Patience!