

# “The Need For Patience”

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 10:34-36.**

## I. What Is Patience Or Endurance?

1. The quality of forbearance and self-control which shows itself particularly in a willingness to wait upon God and his will. Believers are called upon to be patient in their expectations of God’s actions, and in their relationships with one another. (Manser, M. H. (2009). Dictionary of Bible Themes).
2. Ability to take a great deal of punishment from evil people or circumstances without losing one’s temper, without becoming irritated and angry, or without taking vengeance. It includes the capacity to bear pain or trials without complaint, the ability to forbear under severe provocation, and the self-control which keeps one from acting rashly even though suffering opposition or adversity.
3. The usual Hebrew expression for patience is related to the verb “to be long” and involves the idea of being long to get riled or slow to become angry. Two different Greek words are translated by kjv translators with the word “patience.” One of the words has the idea of “remaining firm under” tests and trials and is better translated “endurance” or “steadfastness.” The other Greek word is related to the above Hebrew meaning and refers to patience as “long-spiritedness” or “calmness of spirit” even though under severe provocation to lose one’s temper.

**2 And 3** (Baker encyclopedia of the Bible (Vol. 2, p. 1619).

4. Synonyms: Perseverance, Endurance, Steadfastness.

## II. Why Do We Need It In Our Lives?

### (1) To Endure Suffering And Trials.

- Trials And Suffering Will Come Our Way: **Rev. 1:9; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-16.**
- We Must Endure To Be Saved: **Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:13; James 1:12 (ESV).**
- How Do Bear Up Under Trials? **Luke 21:15-19; James 5:13; Acts 16:25; 1 Peter 4:19.**
- Don’t Let Satan Change Your Character: **Romans 12:10-15.**

### (2) To Be A Good Example Of Patience.

- The Prophets & Job As Great Examples Of Endurance: **James 5:10-11.**
- Paul Was A Good Example To His Brethren:
- We Can Be A Good Example Of Courage Under Fire: **Philippians 4:5.**

### (3) For All People To Come To The Truth.

- **2 Timothy 2:24-25.**
- **2 Timothy 4:2-5.**
- **Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:4.**

### (4) For A Happy Home & Family Life.

- Husband And Wife Patient With Each Other: **Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7.**
- Raising Children: **Proverbs 22:6; Colossians 3:20.**

### (5) For The Church To Be United.

- **Ephesians 4:1-3; 4:32.**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Peter 4:8.**