

## The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience

Text: Hebrews Chapter 6; Galatians 5:22

Second to suffering, waiting may be the greatest teacher and trainer there is in Righteousness, Spiritual Maturity, and Genuine Spirituality most of us will ever encounter.

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who faith and patience inherit what has been promised Hebrews 6:12

*(Study Hebrews 6:1-12)* The writer of Hebrews believes faith and patience do belong together.

We Must Have Patience to \_\_\_\_\_ In Our Faith

The ancient Hebrews grew in their faith.

What is the author saying? He is saying to grow spiritually; we need to get on with it! ---To grow beyond what brings us into the faith. To do the work at hand, envision the task ahead, and to go for it! Ref: Hebrews 6:1-3

We must grow; if we claim to be born again, this becomes a hollow boast if the reborn lingers at the birthing place.

Conversion is only five percent of the Christian life. Ninety five percent is going on with Christ.

He's saying to us, that to go on to spiritual maturity in our understanding, we need to move beyond, but not away from the elementary teachings, to a more complete understanding of the faith. Ref: Heb. 6:1-3 "Spiritual growth takes time." It's called sanctification, and it builds step by step, experience by experience.

Spiritual maturity is not dependent on age. It isn't instantaneous achieved. The "waters of baptism" doesn't impart the "wisdom of the wise," rather we come out of the water with the ignorance of babies.

The writer of Hebrews charges us to move beyond these "elementary things," to a right relationship with God and other people, in other words to righteous empowered living. Ref: Hebrews 5:11-14

What is required is "the patience to discipline." Without discipline, there is little growth. We must have patience to grow and to help others to grow. Secondly:

We Must Have the Patience to \_\_\_\_\_

What the writer of Hebrews is saying, is that we must abide. We must patiently preserve. We must cling to God through His Spirit. This must be our major effort. This must be the raid that the heart follows. Ref: Heb:6:4-6

It all builds on love. Not knowing how to love, we miss the joy and peace that comes from doing what we love for those we love.

We Must Have Patience to \_\_\_\_\_ Ref: Hebrews 6:7.8

Productive, Fruit-Bearing Lives---Receive God's Blessing Ref: John 15:16

We Must Have Patience to \_\_\_\_\_ Ref: Hebrews 6:11,12

Patient watchful readiness is our way to victory.