

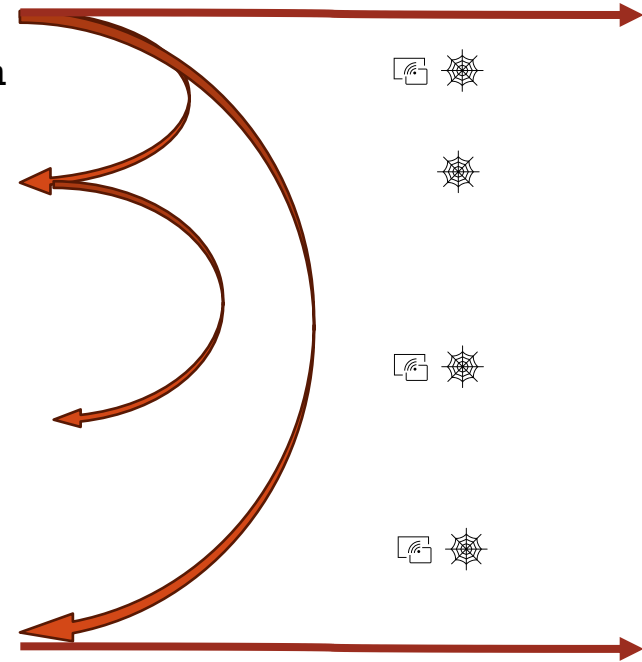
ENDURE WITH PATIENCE

Practical Lessons in Christian Living

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SERIES CONTINUES (REVIEW 1)

- **Part 1: Love Like Jesus** [03-Mar-2024]
 - Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church
 - **Agape:** put their needs first! self-sacrificing
- **Part 2: Lead—God's Way** [07-Apr-2024]
 - A **partnership**, **not** a dictatorship
 - **Lead** a **Flock**, **not** Drive a Herd
 - **Serve**, **not** “**lord**” over!
- **Part 3: Seek Wise Counsel** [07-May-2024]
 - Seek Biblical Wisdom
 - Imitate Christian examples
 - Ask godly counselors
- **Part 4: Speak Gentle Words** [30-Jun-2024]
 - Control your anger, restrain your words, speak carefully
 - Speak gently, act in a gentle manner, perfect courtesy
 - Show honor, be kind, be patient



SERIES CONTINUES (REVIEW 2)

- ▶▶ **Part 5: Control Your Anger** [25-Aug-2024]
 - Open to reason, quick to listen
 - Persuade and be persuaded
 - Exercise gentle influence

- **Part 6: Seek Mercy Quickly** [10-Nov-2024]
 - Dealing with bitterness, anger, slander, malice
 - If a brother has something against you...
 - If a brother sins against you...
 - *without anger* or **quarreling**
 - Forgiveness

- **Part 7: Endure With Patience** [11-Jan-2025]



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BUILD UP, RESTORE, SEEK PEACE

Romans 14:19

- “So then let us *pursue* what makes for **peace** and for **mutual upbuilding**.”

2 Corinthians 13:11

- Finally, brothers, **rejoice**. Aim for **restoration**,
- **comfort** one another,
- **agree** with one another, **live in peace**;
- **[condition]** and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Hebrews 12:14

- “Strive for **peace** with everyone, and for the **holiness** **[condition]** *without which no one will see the Lord.*”

WHAT IF “THEY” DON’T LOVE BACK?

Romans 12:12-18

- **Rejoice** in hope, be **patient** in tribulation, be **constant** in prayer.
- **Contribute** to the needs of the saints and seek to show **hospitality**.
- **Bless** those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them
- **Rejoice** with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- Live in **harmony** with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
- Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is **honorable** in the sight of all.
- *If possible, so far **as it depends on you**, live peaceably with all.*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

- **Great endurance** — *hypomonE* — 32x patient endurance, patient awaiting, perseverance, constantly, perseveringly, an enduring of affliction; the act of suffering, undergoing
- **Perseverance** — *hypomenO* — 17x to remain or stay behind, when others have departed; to bear up under, endure, suffer patiently, to continue firmly, hold out, remain constant, persevere, stand firm, stay
- **Patient** — *makrothumeO* — 10x to be slow towards, be long-enduring; to exercise patience, be long suffering; wait with patient expectation
- **Long-Suffering** — *makrothumia* — 14x patient **enduring** of evil, fortitude, slowness of avenging injuries, **long-suffering**, forbearance
- **Bearing** — *anechO* — 15x to **endure** patiently, to bear with, suffer, admit, permit, tolerate
- **Forbearance** — *anochE* — 2x forbearance, patience

FORBEARANCE, ENDURANCE

Galatians 5:22-23

- But *the fruit of the Spirit is love*,
- joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 4:2-3

- with all humility and gentleness, with **patience**, **bearing** with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

2 Corinthians 6:4-7

- but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way:
- by **great endurance**...
- by purity, knowledge, **patience**, kindness, the Holy Spirit,
- genuine (unfeigned, real, sincere) **love**; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left

BUILD UP, RESTORE, SEEK PEACE

Colossians 1:11

- “being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance** and **patience** with joy

Colossians 3:12

- Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meeekness, and **patience**
- **bearing** with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive
- And above all these put on (**agape**) **love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony

INVITATION CHALLENGE

- Do you have a reputation for **encouragement, humility**, and showing **honor** to others (**OR** for quarreling, contention, criticism, or complaining)?
- Have your words been **kind, compassionate, upbuilding**, do they provide **comfort**, do you strive for **harmony** and **peace**?
- Do you **murmur** against man or God?
- Are you guilty of **anger, bitterness, slander, malice**, or **impatience**?
- Has your **pride** kept you from reconciling differences, listening to others' opinions, or being sensitive to their feelings and needs?
- Do you have an **unresolved conflict** with a fellow servant of Christ?
- **Do you have a sincere (agape) love for the brethren?**

HOW IS YOUR ENDURANCE?

- Have you been caught “off-guard” by
 - rejection,
 - unkindness,
 - impatience,
 - harshness,
 - dishonor,
 - anger,
 - abuse, or
 - persecution from others?
- Has your life been hit by hardship, grief, or struggles?
 - Did you forget God’s warnings? Did you forget your armor?
 - **Or** are you trying to build your **endurance**, your **patience**, to grow stronger and **bear** with the suffering?
 - Do you **rejoice** that you have been considered worthy to be tested?

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live peaceably with all*

bear with one another