

## Sermon Notes

### ***Things That Matter: Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop Failure*** #6 – “Patience in the Face of Persistent Irritation”

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Patience

1. Most people say never pray for it!
2. Yet, it is a fruit of the Spirit.
  - a. Col. 3:12; 1:9-11
3. Many fruits blend together like the individual threads of a garment. – Jerry Bridges
4. Consider how integral patience is to the godhead.
  - a. Where would we be without it?

##### B. Patience profiled

1. Key thought: Patience is exhibited in the face of an I\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Like situations with people or events
  - b. Patience as a fuse

#### II. God and patience

- A. God does forebear, but not forever.
  1. Psalm 103:8-9; Psalm 86:15
- B. God waits upon His elect – II Peter 3:9
- C. God is purposing to do something in my life.
  1. Others are more impatient than m\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. What is it that hinders patience?

##### A. What triggers impatience?

- 1.” Impatience is a thorn bush that grows in the soil of P\_\_\_\_\_,” Stanley Gale.

##### B. Patience may be the operative component for all the other fruit.

1. Illustration: yogurt and fruit

2. Impatience and its bearing upon the other fruit.
3. The essence of patience is to be willing to suffer.
4. Overlap with love – I John 3:10-11,14,16; 4:8,11
5. Following in Christ’s footsteps – I Peter 2:21

#### IV. Patience and suffering

##### A. Patience involves enduring mistreatment.

1. Synonym of long-suffering
2. “Patience is the ability to suffer a long time under mistreatment of others without growing b\_\_\_\_\_,” Jerry Bridges.

##### B. How to endure – Focus upon the sovereignty of God and the justice of God.

1. Sovereignty – Romans 8:28-29
2. Justice – II Thessalonians 1:6-7; I Peter 4:9
  - a. Preoccupation with justice
  - b. How about praying for the perpetrator?
3. Find rest in the faithfulness of God.

#### V. Case studies

##### A. The life of Joseph – Genesis 50:20

##### B. The life of Job

1. James 5:20-11
2. Job 2:10; Job 31
3. Job 19:25-27 – His hope was in the gospel.
4. The gospel generates patience.
  - a. We learn to treat people, not based upon what we believe they deserve, but as an opportunity to exhibit grace and mercy.

#### VI. Closing thought

##### A. What is it that really challenges your patience?

1. The bigger enemy is pride itself.