

Things That Matter
Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop
Failure

6: "Patience in the Face of
Persistent Irritation"

Colossians 3:12

"¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 1:9-11

"⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience."

Psalms 103:8-9

"⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding
in lovingkindness.
⁹ He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever."

Psalms 86:15

"¹⁵ But You, O Lord,
are a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in
lovingkindness and truth."

II Peter 3:9

"⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

I John 3:10-11, 14, 16

“¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ... ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. ... ¹⁶ We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

I John 4:8, 11

“⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ...
¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

I Peter 2:21-23

“²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”

Romans 8:28-29

“²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son”

II Thessalonians 1:6-7

“⁶ For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire.”

I Peter 4:9

“⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”

Genesis 50:20

“²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”

James 5:10-11

“¹⁰ As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.”

Job 2:10

“¹⁰ But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

Job 19:25-27

“²⁵ As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
 And at the last He will
 take His stand on the earth.
²⁶ Even after my skin is destroyed,
 Yet from my flesh I shall see God;
²⁷ Whom I myself shall behold,
 And whom my eyes will see
 and not another.
 My heart faints within me!”