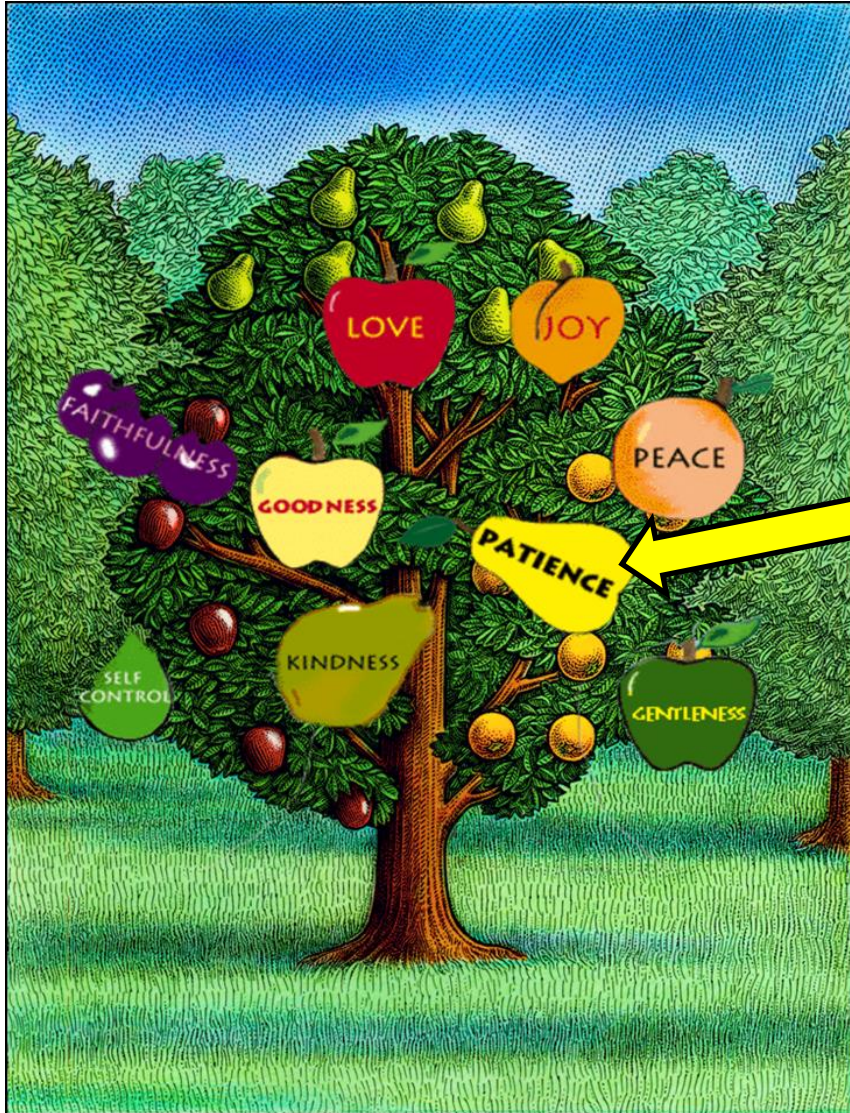


But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22 - 23





Patience

Forbearance

Long-suffering

OT equivalent = slow to anger



God's patience = slow to anger (this is an attribute of God)



And the Lord passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, Exodus 34:6

God's patience: one of the reasons why he shows it



Bear in mind that our Lord's
patience means salvation,
2 Peter 3:15

Or do you show contempt for
the riches of his kindness,
forbearance and patience, not
realizing that God's kindness is
intended to lead you to
repentance? Romans 2:4

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some
understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not
wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Paul was an example of someone who experienced God's patience:-



But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

1Timothy 1:16

God's patience tried !

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans?

Will you try the patience of my God also?

Isaiah 7:13



God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 1 Peter 3:20



What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction? Romans 9:22

Human examples

A person's wisdom yields patience;
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
James 5:10



Hebrews 11:35-39 speaks of what the OT saints went through

Human examples

The disciple Paul

Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 2 Corinthians 6:4-6

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

2 Timothy 3:10-11



needed by you and me

with each other



As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:1-2

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other, and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14



needed by preachers



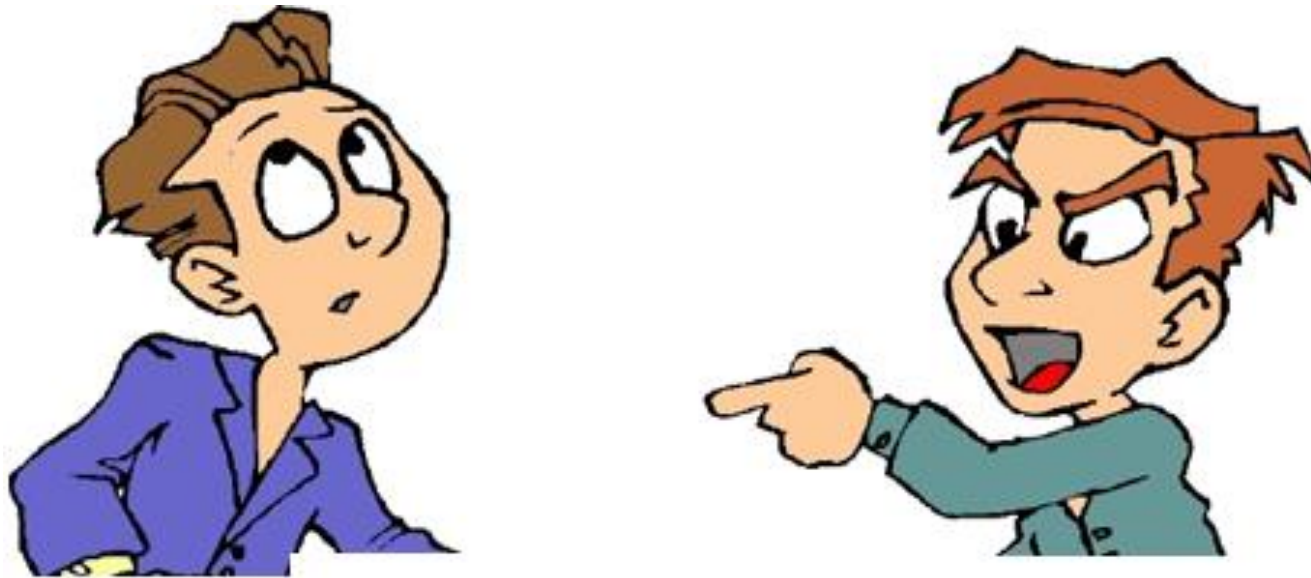
Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:2-3



needed by you and me

with those outside the church



Paul prayed for the church to be :-

strengthened with all power according to his glorious might
so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Colossians 1:11



needed by you and me

To keep on going

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

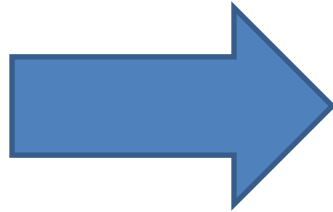


“Dear God, give me patience, and I need it right now!”

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Hebrews 6:12

The fruit of the Spirit is Patience “Slow to anger”



Points to bear in mind :-

- 1, Fruit needs time to grow
- 2, Every victory strengthens faith
- 3, God's patience works with you to win others