



# The Fruit of the Spirit #4 = Longsuffering

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Introduction: Paul boldly urges the churches of Galatia to walk by the Spirit. He warns them about the works of the flesh and then identifies the fruit of the Spirit. Let's consider some things about longsuffering. . . .

Discussion:

## **I. The Longsuffering/Patience of God**

**I Timothy 1:17** says, " But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of God in the Christian Age
- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of God in the Mosaic Age
- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of God in the Patriarchal Age

## **II. The Longsuffering/Patience of Godly People**

**II Timothy 3:10-11** says, " You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me."

- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of the Apostle Paul
- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of King David
- \* The Longsuffering/Patience of Job

## **III. The Steps Toward Longsuffering/Patience**

**Colossians 1:9-12** says, "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."

- \* If You Desire Longsuffering/Patience You Must Know God Is With You
- \* If You Desire Longsuffering/Patience You Must Know God Will Bless You
- \* If You Desire Longsuffering/Patience You Must Know God Will Glorify You
- \* If You Desire Longsuffering/Patience You Must Know God Will Use You

## **IV. The Benefits of Longsuffering/Patience**

**II Thessalonians 3:5** says, "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ."

- \* Longsuffering/Patience Leads Us To Perfect Love
- \* Longsuffering/Patience Leads Us To Unity
- \* Longsuffering/Patience Leads Us To Prayer
- \* Longsuffering/Patience Leads Us To Bear More Fruit

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. Paul hopes that we will live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to have patience to endure?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "LONGSUFFERING" or "PATIENCE"**