



- The fruit of the Spirit is the very **nature** of **God**

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- The **question** for each of us is what's **growing** in you?
- Forbearance, Longsuffering or **Patience** – quiet, steady, **even-tempered**, showing perseverance
  - Hypomone (Greek) - showing these qualities towards **trials**, tasks, **obstacles**
  - Makrothymin (Greek) – Showing these qualities towards **people**
    - Makros – **long**
    - Thumos – **temper**
  - The word used in this passage is the **second** one

#### **2 Peter 3:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

- **God** is patient with us because He doesn't want anyone to **perish**

#### **1 Timothy 1:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.<sup>16</sup> 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.

- Christ is willing to display His **immense patience** to prove His love for us
- This is the **type** of patience the Holy Spirit is trying to grow in **us**

#### **Matthew 18:26**

<sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'

- Be **patient** with me, I will **pay** it all back

#### **Matthew 18:29**

<sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

- He **refused** to show patience to his **friend**

#### **Matthew 18:32-35**

<sup>2</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.' <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

- God has offered to each one of us **unlimited patience**, what are you offering?