

Love is patient... 1 Cor 13:4

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"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." **Gal 5:6**

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I. Why are some people more patient than others?

1. It can't be that some want to be un_____:

"All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves."

~ **Blaise Pascal**

"If it makes you happy, then why the _____ are you so sad?"

~ **Sherl Crow**

2. By definition, it can't be that a person demonstrating patience isn't facing things that would "try his/her patience."

Patience: accepting pains or hardships calmly or without complaint / continuing despite difficulties, opposition, or discouragement (**Merriam – Webster**)

1 Cor 13:4 *Love is patient / suffers long* (NKJV)

The Greek word μακρός (long) and θερμός (thermos) passion, angry, heat. Used here it means "taking a long time to boil."

II. Patient people have "great understanding."

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1. They just have a purpose that's bigger than their problems / circumstances. ("Great Command, Great Commission, Golden rule")

Rom 8:28 *He (God) works all thing for the good of those who love Him and are called according to **His purpose**.*

(Rom 5:3-4; Jas 1:2-4)

Heb 12:1-4 *...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

2. They grasp God's love and patients for them (Eph 3:17-19)

Matt. 18:26-27 *"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.*

"Patience is more than a virtue for long lines and slow waiters. Patience is the red carpet upon which God's grace approaches us."

Max Lucado

Rom 2:1, 3-4 *You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ... ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ 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?*

3. They understand that there is much that they don't understand. Ecc. 7:8 *Patience is better than pride*

Jam 1:19 *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

Pro 20:5 *"The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out."*