

# FRUIT *of* *the* SPIRIT



## MATTHEW 18:26–27

...the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

## MATTHEW 18:29–30

So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

*The fruit of the Spirit is*  
**LOVE, JOY, PEACE,**  
**PATIENCE, KINDNESS,**  
**GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,**  
**GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL.**



GALATIANS 5:22–23



# GALATIANS 5:16

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh.”

## TWO KINDS OF PATIENCE:

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# JAMES 1:3,4

“for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

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James 5:7a – “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.”

James 5:8 – “You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

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5:7b – “See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains.”

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5:10 – “As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.”

5:11 – “... You have heard of the steadfastness of Job...”

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5:9 – “Do not grumble against one another, brothers...”

5:11b – “You have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate”

5:11c – “and merciful.”