

I'll Stand By You-Part 4
Fruit: It Does the Body Good Series
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But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! – Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Longsuffering/Patience means “slow to become angry”.

Three ways Patience is manifested in our lives...

1. Patience With Difficult People

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. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. – James 5:7-8

...the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. Psalm 103:8

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. I Thessalonians 5:14

2. Perseverance with Difficult Problems

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5:10-11

Then Job replied to the LORD: ²“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ ⁵My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen ⁶Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42:2-6

3. Patience with God's Timetable

...be patient until the coming of the Lord. James 5:7

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance [patience]. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything. James 1:1-4