

Postures of Patience

Worldly Patience

Waiting for what ____ want

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God-Honoring Patience

Waiting for what _____ wants

Colossians 1:9–11 (ESV)

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ **being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;**

A working definition:

Patience for the follower of Christ is

_____ -enabled

_____ restraint of _____ responses,

coupled with inexplicable _____ and _____,

in the face of delays, _____, and disappointments,

that is fueled by _____ and _____ in the goodness and sovereignty of God.

Personal Reflection

- Am I a patient person? In one day how often do I become impatient?
- How much am I trying to be patient by my own strength?
- Can I recognize my sinful responses when forced to wait? Do I even know what sin is?
- Am I only satisfied when I get my own way?
- Do I see growth in myself when I practice patience?

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, ESV)