

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 31, 2016

“Patience: An Antidote To Irritations”

Patience is considered one of the rarest virtues for a reason – it’s hard to cultivate. Perhaps because patience is so unnatural for us to have. Just as a farmer can’t cause rain or give growth, you can’t develop patience by simply “willing it to be so.” But we can cultivate habits that would allow God to grow His patience in us.

Here are 3 suggestions which have worked for me because of seeing Life in a different light:

SEE YOURSELF DIFFERENTLY. Patience and humility walk side by side according to Philippians 2:3, 4. The next time an individual or a situation frustrates you, ask yourself how your attitude could reflect Jesus’ humility. This is hard! Ask God for the strength and will to make others’ needs just as important as your own.

SEE OTHERS DIFFERENTLY. Patience comes a lot easier when we’re around certain people and much harder when we are among others. The scripture urges us “to be patience with everyone” (1 Thessalonians 5:14), referring to frustrating people. To remember that challenge memorize this verse or post it wherever you most need to remember patience:

“As God’s people, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:12, 13).

SEE GOD DIFFERENTLY. The key to true patience is your view of God – especially when your heart longs for an answer to your prayers. If you are convinced that God is wise and loving and acting on your behalf, then you patiently rest in Him.

As you wait patiently for God’s response to your need, make this prayer your consistent frame of mind:

*“Lord, I turn this over to You. I accept
Your perfect timing in allowing this
to happen or not to happen right now.
I firmly believe that Your purposes are good.
I leave this person of this situation in Your hands.”*

So, we hope...we wait! God is always on time. He’s never late. Let us have patience.

Have a blessed week!
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