

Cultivate Patience in a Culture of Anger

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INTRODUCTION: Countdown

James 5:7 (All verses from the New International Version 1984)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day You will fill me with Yourself and cause Your Fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

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- 1. Patience is a willingness to wait just a little longer.**
 - Proverbs 14:29 *A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.*
 - James 5:8 *You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*

2. Patience is a willingness to give others room to grow.

- Ephesians 4:2 *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

- Psalm 37:7-8 ⁷ *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.* ⁸ *Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

3. Patience is a willingness to try again.

- Proverbs 24:16a *For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again.*

- Philippians 1:6 *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

CONCLUSION: Make the time to add to your countdown clock.