

## **The Fruit of the Spirit Patience**

**How was your week?**

**What is patience?**

**Are you a patient person?**

**How do you practice patience in your daily life?**

**Do you think there's any difference between patience and perseverance?**

**Have you ever had to wait for something very long? What happened? Did anything change because of it?**

**Is it possible to have too much patience?**

**What does it mean patience" is a virtue?**

### **Psalms 37:5-7**

\*What does it mean to commit everything to the Lord?

\*When it say trust him, is this faith and patience or just faith?

\*What does it mean make your innocence radiate like the dawn?

\*What does it mean, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun?

\*Read verse 7 what is the difference between being still and waiting patiently?

\*Do we get discouraged when evil people prosper, and we don't?

\*Why is it hard to be patient and wait for Gods justice?

### **James 5:7-12**

\*Be patient towards what? Until when?

\*What example does James give? (Is this a good example and why?)

\*What does it mean that the coming of the Lord is near?

\*This was written almost two thousand years ago so how could it have been near at that time?

\*Knowing that Jesus' second coming is going to happen soon does this have any effect on your daily lives?

\*How does the believer strengthen their heart?

\*Why is it so difficult to be patient in suffering, and especially in unjust suffering?

\*Why was Job used as an example of Patience?

\*Why would he use the Prophets as an example when dealing with people?

\*Who do you think was the most patient Prophet? Why?

\*How long should we be patient? Does this timeframe change the way we respond to our sufferings?

\*When do you find yourself complaining and why?

\*Why is it easy to sinfully judge/criticize others when you are suffering?

- \*How can suffering and endurance be a blessing from God?
- \*Can you share a blessing God gave from your own suffering?
- \*Is it wrong to swear or take an oath? Why or why not?
- \*What should be the standard practice of believers in regards to their speech?

### **Habakkuk 1:5**

- \*Why is it hard to understand at times what God is doing?
- \*He is talking to Israel here but are there times God is doing something in your life you cannot understand? (Give an example)
- \*Knowing this how can we use this to help with patience?

### **1 Chronicles 29:11**

### **Revelation 14:14-16**