



A Love Worth Giving 1 Corinthians 13

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Love's Flagship

Love is Patient
1 Corinthians 13:4

Patient: _____

1. God is Patient/Long Suffering with _____.

Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and **patience**, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4 (NIV)

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents (millions of dollars) was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 'The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be **patient** with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. Matthew 18:23-27 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, **slow to anger**, abounding in love.

Psalms 103:8 (NIV)

2. Patience/Long Suffering _____ Demands Patience _____.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii (a few dollars). He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him,

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'Be **patient** with me, and I will pay you back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:28-35 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

3. A Big _____ = Big _____

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)