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- Guiding good governing for all leaders.

1 THESSALONIANS 5 ¹⁴warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all....

2 TIMOTHY 2 ²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,...

- Having helping hands for all ages.

TITUS 2 ¹, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;...

- Imitating immovable heroes of patience.

HEBREWS 6 ¹²imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

JAMES 5 ¹⁰ ...take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure..

- Joining Jesus in the race before us.

HEBREWS 12 ¹ ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance (patience) the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

REVELATION 2 ² "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary....

REVELATION 2 ¹⁹ "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first....

REVELATION 14 ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

HEBREWS 10 ³⁵do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance (patience), so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:....

PATIENCE: ¹ The suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness. ² A calm temper which bears evils without murmuring or discontent. ³ The act or quality of waiting long for justice or expected good without discontent. ⁴ Perseverance; constancy in labor or exertion. ⁵ The quality of bearing offenses and injuries without anger or revenge.

PATIENT: ¹ Having the quality of enduring evils without murmuring or fretfulness; sustaining afflictions of body or mind with fortitude, calmness or christian submission to the divine will. ² Not easily provoked; calm under the sufferance of injuries or offenses; not revengeful. ³ Persevering; constant in pursuit or exertion; calmly diligent. ⁴ Not hasty; not over eager or impetuous; waiting or expecting with calmness or without discontent.

Patience Preached but Not Grasped

Gladys and Rhonda walked along the sidewalk after church. They were on their way home, thinking about meals planned for later that afternoon and casually discussing the morning service.

"That was a great sermon on patience," remarked Rhonda.

Gladys replied, "Yeah, but it was five minutes too long."

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