

“the love of many will **grow** cold” (Matt. 24:12)



growing in CHRIST

“the heart of some will **grow** dull”
(Matt. 13:15)

“**grow** weary.” (Gal. 6:9)



Fruit of **Patience**

Galatians 5:22-23

God is Patient

⁶ The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness”

(Exodus 34:6)



God is Patient

“...you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.”
(Jonah 4:2)



Jesus is Patient

With people

On the cross (Hebrews 12:2)





Patience Growing in Us

Patient With Difficult Circumstances

“Be patient in times of tribulation” (Romans 12:12)



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You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11)



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For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. (Hebrews 10:36)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (Hebrews 12:1)



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“with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)



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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves 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. (Col. 3:12–13)



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We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, **be patient with everyone.** (1 Thessalonians 5:12–14)



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If we lack patience, God will have no patience with us!

(Matthew 18:21-35)



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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is **patient** toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)