

# ***PATIENCE***



***“And as for that in the good soil,  
they are those who, hearing the word,  
hold it fast in an honest and good heart,  
and bring forth fruit with patience.”***

*Luke 8:15*

Signs and wonders may happen suddenly.

Visions may take us by surprise.

The word of God may hit our hearts with the force of a hammer.

**But for the word to take hold and bear fruit takes time.**

There are setbacks.

Disappointments.

Storms.

Dry spells.

To remain faithful to the word when nothing seems to be happening....

To continue to love God and praise him in the midst of total darkness....

**Requires patience.**



## Patience is a gift of God.

This gift is developed in us only through exercise.

The Spirit of the Lord develops our patience by giving us opportunities to practice it.

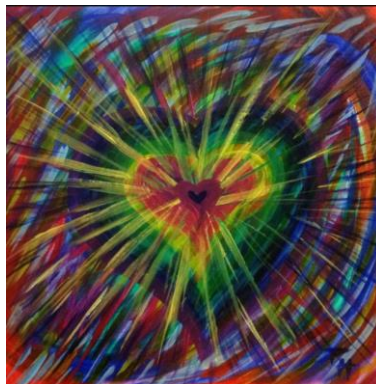
Patience in trying circumstances.

Patience toward trying people.

Patience on the road which seems endless.

***And let us not grow weary in well-doing,  
for in due season we shall reap,  
if we do not lose heart.***

Galatians 6:9



*Prayer: Holy, perfect Lord, help us to recognize, grasp, and practice the gift of patience. When we experience disappointment, frustration, irritation with people and circumstances in our lives help us to stop ... .let go of our impatience.... and to breathe in your peace, your strength, your understanding, and your sweet compassion that place true patience in our hearts and unites us with your nature. And in this we know that the patience you give us will bear lasting, nourishing fruit. Amen*

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