

THE NEED FOR PATIENCE

Match the Bible verse on the left with its description on the right

Proverbs 19:11

“A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.”

Colossians 1:11

“We pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so that you may have great endurance and patience.”

1 Timothy 1:16 (Paul speaking)

“But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Through God’s power, we can be patient

We can show Christ’s patience in our lives when we turn from sin

A wise person is patient

Christ is patient so more people can be saved.

Abram and Sarai had waited many, many years for the promise God had made of giving a descendant for Abram. They were patient but at some point they lost patience and tried to intervene on their own. If God has said He will do something He will! We have to be patient and wait – even if it seems to take longer than we want – Abram waited from age 75 to age 86 before taking matters into his own hand and having a child without consulting God. He waited a long time, but not long enough!

Abram did not have a child with Sarai as God had originally stated until Abram was 100 years old! Sometimes our time is not God’s time – Abram needed to wait 25 years not just eleven!