## PATIENCE, PATIENCE

### INTRODUCTION

We've heard the classic prayer: "Lord, give me patience, right now."

(Luke 8:15; Romans 5:3-4; James 1:3)

"Patience" - to bear a burden; endurance; stedfastness; longsuffering; forbearance.

# 1. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU BLOW-UP AT DIFFICULT PEOPLE

(Proverbs 16:32) "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that rules his spirit than he that takes a city."

(2 Peter 3:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Proverbs 14:29)

## 2. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU SLOW-UP IN THE CHRISTIAN RACE

Patiently await the Lord's return: (Mark 13:13; 2 Thess. 3:5)

Some things just take time: (1 Peter 2:2) "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

#### 3. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU LET-UP DURING ADVERSITY

(Romans 12:12) "... patient in tribulation ... "

(James 5:11) "Ye have heard of the patience of Job"

(Hebrews 12:1-3; Phil. 4:11)

# 4. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU BREAK-UP A TROUBLED HOME

#### 5. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU PASS-UP AN OPPORTUNITY GOD HAS GIVEN

(1 Cor. 16:9) "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me."

#### 6. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU PUFF-UP AT THE PROSPERITY OF THE WICKED

(Psalm 37:1-3, v12-13, v37-40)

#### 7. PATIENCE: BEFORE YOU GIVE-UP ON A LOST PERSON

(1 Cor. 3:5-7) "... I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase ... "

(Hebrews 10:36) "For ye have need of patience ... "