

DEVELOPING GREATER PATIENCE

RELATIONSHIPS: Step it up! – Part 1

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“Love is patient...” I Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

I. WHY IS PATIENCE SO VITAL TO RELATIONSHIPS?

1. **Because** _____.

2. **Because** _____.

“No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like, except that person himself...” I Corinthians 2:11 (LB)

“...be patient with everyone.” I Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV)

II. HOW TO BE MORE PATIENT WITH PEOPLE

1. **REMEMBER** _____.

Paul – “...I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience...” I Timothy 1:16 (NIV)

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,...” Romans 15:7 (NIV)

2. **LEARN** _____.

“A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is his glory to overlook an offense.”
Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

“A patient man has understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.”
Proverbs 14:29 (NIV)

“Listen before you answer. If you don’t, you are being stupid and insulting.”
Proverbs 18:13 (GN)

3. **MAKE** _____.

“Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults, because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2 (LB)

“...a prudent man overlooks an insult.” Proverbs 12:16 (NIV)

4. **TREAT** _____.

“Treat others as you want them to treat you.” Luke 6:31 (LB)

“Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 2:4,5 (NIV)