

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE WORD

Patience...where does it come from? Often times we have heard, in the church any way, we should not pray for patience or God will put us through some kind of trial. This may help us build patience, but it is not where patience comes from. Solomon in all his wisdom shares with us the place of patience's beginnings when he writes, "A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense" (Pr. 19:11, NIV). So, on the surface we see that a person's wisdom brings patience into existence for them, but where does the wisdom come from? Here we are reminded that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord, right? So, if we are to get to enjoy patience in our lives we must begin with a relationship with God, with a faith and a respect for Who God is. God told Moses that He was "I Am, that I Am." This basically tells us that God is wisdom, and that as we build our relationship with God and as we have invited Christ to live within us, we have the wisdom of God within us. God's Spirit that lives within the believer allows us into His wisdom which in turn then opens us to have the patience in any and all situations.

With this in mind we then can fulfill the second part of our proverb, we, with God's wisdom, can overlook an offense. Just as Christ Jesus brings forgiveness, He enables us to forgive, to overlook the offense that has hurt us. Forgive as we are forgiven, what a blessing, and with this knowledge and wisdom we can know our patience comes from the Lord

Blessings, PD

Do you have a relationship with God? Would you like one? This is a good place to start. Ask someone here about it!