

Love Is Patient

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SERIES: ALL ABOUT LOVE
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Recap:

Week One: Love Does Not Envy
Week Two: Love Is Forgiving
Week Three: Love Is Humble
Week Four: Love Is Kind
Week Five: Love Is Patient

Key Verse

1 Corinthians 13:3-8 (NCV)

"I gain nothing if I do not have love. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong. Love never ends."

1 Corinthians 13:5 (GN)

"Love...is **not easily angered.**"

James 1:19 (NIV)

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and **slow to become angry...**"

Mark 10:14 (TEV)

"When Jesus noticed this, He was angry and said to His disciples, 'Let the children come to me...'"

The "Top Five" actions to not be easily angered:

#5. Ask Jesus To Break The _____.

Proverbs 29:11 (NLT)

"A fool gives full vent to anger, but a wise person quietly holds it back."

Proverbs 25:28 (TEV)

"If you cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city without walls, open to attack."

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

"In your anger, do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

#4. Ask Jesus To Guard Your _____.

Proverbs 22:24-25 (Message)

"Don't hang out with angry people; don't keep company with hotheads. Bad temper is contagious - don't get infected."

Proverbs 11:23 (Message)

"...wicked ambition ends in angry frustration."

Proverbs 15:1 (Message)

"A gentle response defuses anger, but a sharp tongue kindles a fire."

#3. Ask Jesus To Take Your _____.

Psalm 37:8 (TLB)

"Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath. Don't fret and worry - it only leads to harm."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace..."

#2. Ask Jesus To Help You Get Some _____.

Elijah in 1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:5 (NIV)

"Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.'"

#1. Ask Jesus To Change Your _____!

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

"Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life."

Philippians 4:8 (TLB)

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about."

Exodus 34:6 (NLT)

"I am the Lord, the merciful and gracious God. I am slow to anger and rich in unfailing love and faithfulness."

Small Group Questions:

1. Discuss the correct way to deal with your anger. Share your responses with the group.
2. How did Christ exemplify the correct way to deal with anger? (see verses above)
3. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal applications can you make from this lesson?
4. Take time now to pray for the needs of your group.

ANSWER KEY:

Pattern of Anger; Relationships; Worries; Rest; Expectations.

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