

FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-2-13: Fruit of Longsuffering

Bearing Godly Fruit

2) *What God uses to witness through the Christian testimony and some of the most effective attributes in sharing the Gospel (Long-suffering, gentleness and goodness).*

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Longsuffering: (Greek 3115 – *Galatians 5:22*) makrothumia mak-roth-oo-mee'-ah from the same as 3116; longanimity, i.e. (objectively) **forbearance** or (subjectively) **fortitude**:--longsuffering, **patience**.

With patience and forbearance, believers need to be persistent and peaceful as they teach and mentor others in Christ. They must maintain their spiritual patience as they reprove and exhort others that do not yet comprehend sound doctrine as they do. God is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all would come to repentance.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Colossians 1:9-11 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

2 Timothy 4:1-4 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

So also each person should keep in their remembrance that they desire God to be longsuffering with them. They should show the same amount of longsuffering towards others that they intend for God to show them.

2 Peter 3:13-15 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;



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Question 1

As defined, longsuffering may be viewed as ...

- forbearance or patience.
- making rash decisions.
- a willingness to give of one's self.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 2

As described in Ephesians 4:1-3, a person should ...

- have the boldness to rebuke their brother at every opportunity.
- have the meekness and patience required to forbear each other in love.
- act as though they have every excuse to do as they please.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

As described in 2 Timothy 4:2, how is a person to rebuke others when you know they are wrong?

- By being always ready to preach the Word of God.
- By sharing with them scripture and not personal emotions.
- By continually sharing in patience, because they may not know they are wrong.
- By getting angry at them and talking at them in ultimatums.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

As described in 2 Peter 3:9, God is patient with the unbeliever because ...

- He used to be an unbeliever too.
- He only has a short time to tolerate them until their judgment comes.
- it is not His will that anyone should perish.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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