

## Won't You Be My Neighbor *Just a Little Patience*

2 Peter 3:9

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*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)*

### HOW PATIENCE HELPS YOU BE A BETTER NEIGHBOR

#### 1. Patience HELPS YOU LISTEN.

*"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." (James 1:19-20, NIV)*

#### 2. Patience HELPS YOU LEARN.

*"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." (Ecclesiastes 7:8, ESV)*

*"Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." (Proverbs 26:12, ESV)*

#### 3. Patience HELPS YOU LOVE.

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2, NIV)*

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NIV)*

#### 4. Patience HELPS YOU LIVE.

*"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." (James 5:7-8, NIV)*

Remember that Jesus is ALWAYS PATIENT WITH YOU

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NIV)*

Action Step:

**THIS WEEK, ASK GOD FOR PATIENCE**