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Life As Discovery: Adding Patience

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THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON the life quality of patience and what God is after in our lives as He places us in situations which require patience.

THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE the process requires enduring with patience the shaping of your life, not just your perspective.

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CASE STUDY:

Over the last few weeks, work has become increasingly difficult. Your boss can be very demanding and selfish, and the current project you are working on has you interacting with him more than ever.

CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:

How would you respond?

MAKE YOUR CASE:

Was your first response to ask God what He is after in this situation?

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I. Patience is the power to endure.

A. [James 1:2-5](#): *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

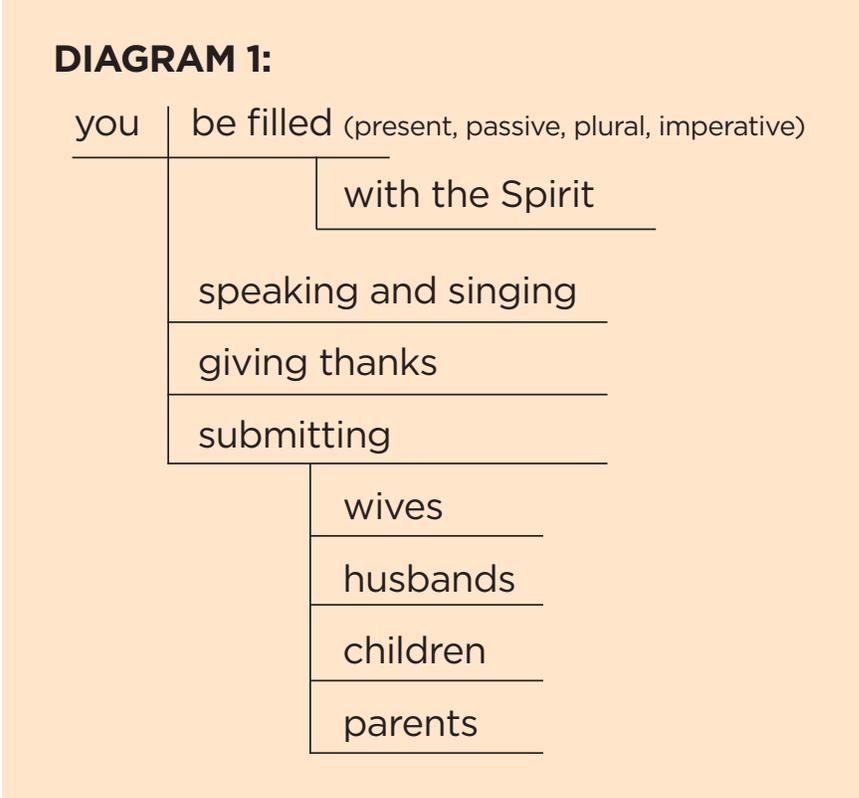
Patience is connected with wisdom.

II. Four things God does in our lives at any given time-

- A. God desires to indwell us by His Spirit.
- B. God intends to fill us with His Spirit.

1. [Ephesians 5:18-24](#): *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

2. [Verses 18-21](#) diagrammed:



Define a Term:

ENDURE: to bear; to sustain; to support without breaking or yielding to force or pressure; to bear with patience; to bear without opposition or sinking under the pressure; to undergo; to sustain; to continue in. (Webster's 1828)

- C. God seeks to mold us.
- D. God seeks to spread us.
- 1. [2 Corinthians 4:1-7](#): *Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

Memory Verse:

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness..."

—[2 Peter 1:5-6](#)

**Thanksgiving
is a shortcut
from the
"blahs" to
joy.**

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Homework:

1. How does Dudley define patience in his opening statements, and how do the four things God wants to do in our lives relate to that definition?
2. Why do you believe that patience is an essential ingredient in the process of helping you become a prophetic voice to your culture?
3. In what ways did Stephen serve as a prophetic voice to his culture?
4. After studying this lesson, how might you counsel the person described in the Case Study?

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Listening Test:

1. You cannot submit to others when you are not filled/indwelled with _____.
 - a. self-esteem
 - b. joy
 - c. the Holy Spirit
2. If you don't know the principle of _____, you can't run the family.
 - a. a hard work ethic
 - b. servanthood
 - c. marketing
3. A servant is one whose goal is to make another _____.
 - a. successful
 - b. unsuccessful
 - c. comfortable