***SERMON NOTES ***

Sunday, September 3, 2017

"WAIT AND WATCH...PATIENTLY"

(Lamentations 3:25-27)

This morning we address the next of the fruit of Spirit from Galatians 5. As with the other expressions of spiritual fruit, this one is most often developed through life experiences that test it and refine it. Patience doesn't come to us naturally. It is a gift from God developed in the laboratory of life.

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1. Patience with
"We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14, ESV).
2. Patience in
"As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15, ESV).
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"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12, ESV).

5. Patience with	

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand (James 5:7–8, ESV).

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"Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do" (1 Samuel 10:8, ESV).

1. Patience with **People**

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1–3, ESV).

"...compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other" (Colossians 3:12–13, ESV).

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2. Patience in **Doing Good**

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3. Patience in **Leadership**

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"You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness" (2 Timothy 3:10, ESV).

4. Patience in **Suffering**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12, ESV).

"If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer" (2 Corinthians 1:6, ESV).

"I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus" (Revelation 1:9, ESV.

5. Patience with the Second Coming

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:25, ESV).

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