

**LIFE PRINCIPLES SERIES**

**UNDERSTANDING PATIENCE**

Last week we concentrate more on teaching. I have been busy this week, working on my science book. This past month my wife told me I was like a mad scientist. I have completed a book on theory in atomic physics. That is a postulates about four or five new things that could explain the recent superconductor have been discovered and announced on May 11, 1987 in the Time Magazine. So we are working towards that. Thank God that by His grace that the mind of Christ helps us to understand some of these things that have been happening. I was completing the final part of the theory and I was getting all these experiments that has been documented in the science magazine to verify the theory. So Friday was our overnight prayer and after overnight prayer, Saturday morning I went back home, all the things were still running in my mind. Explanation for the atom and the neutron and all those things. Basically science today is quite complete in explaining electron and neutron and proton, so they have no problem about the electron shell. But what happens between proton and the neutron is still quite a mystery. Still what we called a standard model and theory of atomic physics that is not completed yet because they are still looking for certain articles. They are still working on that and in the States they are going to build a seven or eight billion-dollar accelerator just to try to get all these things out. So the Lord began to give me understanding and revelation in that area so we can put it all down and work it out with mathematics. One of the things He explained and predicted was what I call sub-neutron shell. It's never been heard of or mentioned. I did some calculations and tabulated all the shells then I tested it out with one of the experiments and that was among the science book to verify it. I realized that modernization is science. So I went back on Saturday and still working on that. My mind started flowing and I tabulated the whole thing. In the afternoon I took a nap and before I go for a nap I prayed and spend time with God in worship. The moment I wake up from my nap, the Lord gave me thought and told me to go back among the many huge books that I have. About half of my library is filled with

science books, the other quarter is computer books and the rest are the Christian books. So when I got up the Lord told me to look into that and this is what it was. You see they know that water is H<sub>2</sub>O and hydrogen has three isotopes. For the water there is supposed to be two hydrogen items and one-oxygen items. According to theory, there are supposed to be 90 degree in position the two items but in experiment they have always found that it was 104 degree. So I took the theory and I managed to formulate and did some calculations. Based on my calculation I should be 103.5-degree angle, so I put everything down, copyrighted it and then sent it. That is what I was working for the past week but I have not forgotten to spend time with the Lord. I just share this testimony to show that Christianity is not a one-track thing that we are so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good. I mean that if we have Jesus in our heart, we should be the best engineers, the best accountants, and the best businessmen on this planet earth. We should have God helping us to do the practical thing this life. Here we have what we call life principles or principles on which we based our life.

Last week we talked about how important building relationship are in our life. Tonight we want to talk especially of the importance of developing patience. If you have faith without patience, you may not get the result. Patience is an important twin. A twin force that work with faith. Patience is related to the development of our character. The more mature you are the more understanding you become. The more merciful you become the more patient you are. One of the characteristics of God that the bible tabulates is that God is longsuffering. So that tells us about His great patience. In fact the word longsuffering in the Hebrew carries a meaning of slow to ruffle. He doesn't get angry or upset easily. Longsuffering demonstrates not only patience but also character.

You wouldn't think much of a person who loses his/her temper often and you begin to lose your respect for that person. People who are impatient with others is a reflection of not only the lack of fruit of patience but is a total reflection of their character. People who are impatient are like little kids. Kids are impatient. Patience is not something that we are born with; it's something that we have to grow in God with Christ. As we grow in the years we grow to be more patience. If you ever had kids travel with you and you start driving to another town for four or five hours, the kids say when are we going to reach. Every fifteen minutes they will ask you when are we going to reach. When you reach the place, they will start

playing around at that place and just as you check in everything, the kids will say when are we going home. Kids don't have patience. But as we grow in life we develop patience. Patience is not something that comes automatically. It has to be learned. It has to be acquired and we have to be trained in that. The thing that we want to show is that patience is related to our character. The more character we have, the more patience we have with others. It's a life principle that we need to have. For in heaven God measures not just our works but He measures our character. Of course He will reward us for the work we do but God is also interested in how much we have changed to be like Him and how our characters have been formed and renewed to be like Christ.

Lets look at Romans 5: 3 it says, *"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

Now in verse 3, the word tribulation we understand to be trials and tribulations. The word perseverance, whatever your translation is, the Greek word is actually 'hupomone' which is one of the Greek words for patience. The word 'hupomone' has been translated patience in Hebrew but here is what we want to see in Romans 5. 'Hupomone' produces character. If that's the order that Paul is talking about, therefore the only way we can develop the character of Christ is to have great patience. If we do not learn patience, we will not develop the character of Christ. One leads to the other. You may say, well I know about patience. But if you will check your life, you notice that even though we grow up to be adults, we get impatient in many things. When you are launching a project, you are impatient to finish it. When you do this you are impatient. Everything we do we are impatient. Your heart gets stress. Your body goes to type A personality. Why? We don't have to get upset. Upset people are impatient people. Bad tempered people are impatient people. You could go on and on. The basic fault is their impatient.

So patience is a great virtue in our life. We are going to see later how that only when we walk in patience can we walk in God's perfect will. Without patience we will never be willing to follow after God. But only when we develop that kind of

character of patience we will follow with God. At one time Kenneth Hagin was talking to Jesus in a vision. In one of his tapes, he said Jesus made this statement to him. Jesus said, 'I do not mind, you know if you are a little bit slow, but don't walk in front of Me.' The Lord told him that I would rather that you be a little bit slow than running in front of Me blocking the way. Of course we are to walk with the Lord, hand in hand, side-by-side, that's the best. Some of us we have to get confirmation about four times. You say, Lord is that You? Yes, Lord please one more time. Yes. We are very slow at moving in the things of the Lord. Some of us before the Lord say anything; we are already out there. Before He gives instruction, we are already out there working hard. As we get injured, faced difficulties, then we say, Lord, what's happening? Why are you not protecting us? What's wrong, Lord? I am supposed to get protection here. Then the Lord says, 'I am not there. I am here. Come back!' So we are walking too fast ahead of the Lord. We need to learn patience so that we could walk with the Lord.

I could imagine the Lord Jesus Christ. He loves us so much, it says God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not die but have everlasting life. Then Jesus love us so much that He yielded Himself and came down to live on earth that filled with sins, filled with everything that He did not like. I could imagine that it was great patience for Him to wait until He was thirty to start His ministry. It's not easy waiting for that long thirty years. You tell a young person eager to serve the Lord, come on why not we go into the missionary field. Where are we going? So eager to serve the Lord, full of zeal, on fire, but if you are not careful; the fire may burn you up too. We call that wild fire. Some people have the scriptures misinterpreted, it says the Lord makes its ministers flaming fire. Some people are not just flaming fire, they are furnaces, explosion all over the place.

It was tremendous for Jesus to wait. If you think about Jesus' patience, think about God the Father's patience. He waited nearly thousand years, if you go by bible chronological time before He send His Son. Gal.4: 4 *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son."* Can you imagine God waited so long? There we are human beings, He was grieved, and He loves us; it is not that He does not love us. But there is a time and purpose for all things. There is a time and season for all things. We must learn to flow with God's season. If you plant a durian tree, you don't harvest the durian until about five years. So it takes time.

You don't just plant it and straight away after one year say I don't know why this durian tree never bear fruits. Of course it won't. It needs its regular period to produce.

Even the book of Psalms tells us, Psalms 1: 1-3 *"blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season."*

There are time and season of God. If we get ahead of God's time and season, we are will be in trouble. Sometimes its not just us who get into trouble, sincere people can make you get ahead too. I remember when I was new in the ministry; there was something that happened. You see I was quite new in the ministry, so when I began ministering in the gifts, that was possibly in 1979, 1980, ten years ago. I started ministering among the interdenominational group. So I was based in Penang. We went down to Kuala Lumpur to minister. Then we functioned in the gifts and all those elderly folks who were leaders there said, "We haven't seen local people do that before." They began to take me to this meeting and that meeting. What can a young boy do? I just followed them. But as I looked back now, I realized that I was exposed too fast. They should have been more matured and exposed me less. You know why? My character had not developed to the extent of having the ability to deal with the situation I was trusted into. I was still a green apple not ripe for harvest. Nothing wrong with the apple, it's just too green. So we need to realize that. As I looked back I realized if I had learned about character and learn about how to deal with people, how to relate with people, how to speak to people and how to be very diplomatic with people which you learn as you grow in life, I would possibly be more easily accepted. Why, because in those days, I don't speak like I speak today. My preaching was something like Praise God, if you hear me; you think it's a fire and brimstone preacher. I have grown mellow through the years. I was impatient. I mean everybody else is backslidden. Lets go on with God. You watch TV, you are backslidden - repent. That was the guy I was. As I looked back I realized I was exposed too fast. Out of good heart and sincerity, people may expose you and open doors for you. God didn't open but man opened. So when you are new in the ministry every opened door is God's door. So you jump into every opened door. Thank God today I realized it's different. The most

important thing is to do what God wants you to do. Thank God for sincere people who like to promote you and do things for you. At the same time there are others who would like to push you back. There are all kinds of people. Some will push fast but some, when you want to go there, they are blocking you, like they were the guardians of the faith. There will be people who say, we have never done this before. We have been here for fifty years; it has never been done that way. God has appointed us guardians of the faith. They will never allow any progression of the spirit to go on. So there are all kinds of people. But most of all we got to sense God in our spirit and flow with Him.

I could have been traveling here and traveling there. I have enough invitations to fill up for years if I accept every one of them. Sincere people say, "come, God told you to come. God told me to tell you to come. We have prayed and fasted and we are quite sure that God said it." Of course I would just put it on my shelf and prayed about it. God what do you think about this. Usually God said, well I did not but they forgot about the timing. It's important for us to realize that we ourselves can get out of season in God and be at the wrong season, wrong place, and wrong time. Sincere people, friends, families, partners, loved ones can also sincerely and lovingly get you off the edge without intention to do that. As I examine it, I realized this. It's like any outward expansion must be equal to the inward expansion. So if the extent of your ministry and open doors or of your church or of any areas starts moving bigger and bigger but your personality, your character does not grow, something will give along the way. Either because there's not enough extension inside, outside is expanding and inside is expanding only 1cm in the spirit realm. So the outside is expanding in the spirit realm 1 meter. Before long the external pressure would be greater than the internal capacity to take it and you will be so crushed. So on one side you have the big bang, and on the other side you have a big crush. That is the end of the universe. So we realized that we have to expand inside. Each time when there is an outward expansion like going to mission in certain places that are wide open, then I checked in my spirit. I said, God, I don't sense that I am ready for that. I checked with the Lord. Is it the inward expansion, my character, and my ability able to do that which I have said many times. Like for example, other side principles like fame, we have to be steward of fame because when you become famous, one sentence from your life can affect millions of lives. You can become a stumbling block or a blessing. So the higher we grow in life and the more we become a leader to people, we should be very careful with our words, and in what we do to make sure that we would help

people and not hinder people. We encourage people and not discourage people. It can only happen if the character develops.

Now you understand why I emphasize on life principles. Let's take the business for example. If your business begins to grow from one million to ten millions dollars but your character that was able to handle only one million dollars did not grow fast enough to handle ten millions dollars, then somewhere along the way, either your business will give way or you will give way. So if you are not able to handle that kind of money and all these sides' things happen, either you get crushed or all these things start breaking off. Why, because your staff grow. When your business grows, your staff also grows. So your character was only able to handle five staffs and as a top executive in your tiny little company, calling yourself CEO and chairman over five staffs. One of them was your wife. The other two were your son and daughter. So you actually have only one employee. With that you start expanding. Because to run a ten millions dollars business is different from running a one million dollars business. You need more organizations, more expansions, and more things to do. Your character does not grow but your business grows. So suddenly the five of you got to handle so much things. I tell you, after two weeks of handling that all of you have a new hairstyle. You grow inside until you have the ability to handle ten staffs. But now you employed fifty staffs, what happens? You will always have problems with the other forty staffs, because your ability is to handle ten not fifty. So you can see how important it is. What we talking about is life principles. If we don't have it inside, you can never have it outside. God always deals with the inside first before He deals with the outside. For example, for a church to grow, if you take a pastor who can handle only three hundred people and put the pastor in a church that has a thousand people. His ability can only handle three hundreds. What's going to happen? Somehow, somewhere, by hook or by crook it happens. The congregation dwindle to three hundreds and it stabilized there. Inward expansion equal to outward expansion. The opposite, if you take a person who could handle one thousand people and put that person in a place that has only three hundred people. You know what will happen. The congregation will grow and grow until one thousand people and it will not grow anymore until the person grows on the inside.

There is no outside growth until there is an inside growth whether in business or in a ministry. We need to understand these are life principles. That is

why the bible of all things emphasizes character development. It's good to speak in tongues, have the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate in different areas but there must be character development in our life. Of all the things that you study about character development, patience is an important virtue that we need to understand.

Lets look at Hebrew 6: 12 *"That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."*

You noticed here faith and patience inherit the promises. Then in verse 15, *"And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise."* None of us are going to obtain bible's promises until we learned patience. What the bible is saying is what we are describing a bit more mathematically. See the bible is saying when he had endured patiently. What does the first part say? The first part is actually saying when he had developed, based on Romans 5 that we had read just now, that patience develop character. Patience produces character. Now here it says patience produces and he endured. In other words, what is happening to Abraham? Abraham grew on the inside. He developed on the inside. He grew and expanded on the inside. That is what he is saying here. When we had patiently endured then the second part came - the outward expansion. It says he obtained the promises. So never look for the outside until you have the inside. The outside will come. He obtained the promises. It came as he desired and all the wonderful promises of God.

Some of us have vision. Some of us God tells us mighty things that you will be involved with in these last days. But remember visions remain visions until that vision grows in you first. The outward vision for it to take place needs the crystallization of that same vision. Not just in the power area but in the Greek the verse in Hebrew 6 that we have just read in verse 12 and in verse 15 is a different Greek word. It's the word '*makrothumia*'. It also means patience. So what we learn tonight, there are two Greek words for patience not one. The first one we have mentioned was found in Romans 5 and is also the same word found in James chapter 1, where it says have patience. That is '*hupomone*'. In James 1: 3&4 *"knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience"* or the Greek says '*hupomone*'. *"But let 'hupomone' have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."* So here in James one he is using the word '*hupomone*'. Hebrew 6 he is

using the word '*makrothumia*'. What does these two words mean? They both mean patience, endurance but there are two characteristics of patience. One is what I call '*hupomone*'. The word '*hupo*' talks about not over and etc. But the word '*mone*' is the same Greek word as '*meno*'. The same Greek word that Jesus used in John 15: 5 "*I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in Him.*" The word abide is '*meno*'. '*Meno*' in Me and I in you and you will bear much fruit. So the word patience is '*hupomone*'. So is a deliberation from the word abide. You could translate '*hupomone*' as continually abiding. Jesus speaks about '*hupomone*' as a tree, as a plant and that gives us a picture of Psalms 1: 3 '*Hupomone*' existing as a plant. Constantly, in season continually, timing to the season, great patience, endurance. The other picture of patience is '*makrothumia*'. What is '*thumia*'? '*Thumia*' in the Greek is hot, heat and fire where we get the English word *thermoflask*. So the word '*thumia*' means heat, hot, fire burning. So on the other side is a picture of fire, of heat and warm and the other side is the picture of plant.

Now patience has both characteristics because there are two possible extreme developments. Some people are patient but their patience lack zeal. They look very patient and very slow to move. Not because they are patient but it's because they lack zeal. It's what I call a one-sided development of patience. It's just like a bird with one wing. You know what the bird does. All it has is its left wing. No matter how hard the bird flaps it will only go clockwise. That's the only direction possible. Some people have the other development of patience where the zeal is there. What type of patience is that? It is like this, when difficulty comes, the person overcome it and still continues on. It is this kind of patience like what I call a terror of a bulldog. The bulldog bites you and won't let go. So you kick the bulldog, the bulldog just shake itself and hold even tighter. It has great patience. It bites tighter. So you grab a stick next to you and you are still beating the bulldog and the right side of the bulldog is already blue black but the bulldog is still holding on to that. That is the funny kind of character the bulldog has. That is why Hagin says have the bulldog faith. So I add on to say have bulldog faith but not bulldog face. It seems some bulldogs are trained as killers and you could take a knife and cut off the other half of the body, the other half will still be sticking on your leg. I will say that's tremendous abiding unto death. As you look at people like that, they got great patience. They are knocked down and they got up again. It's just like children's toy. You punch and it comes up again. So they develop in this area. But this area deals only with zeal. There are some areas that you are not supposed to enter. So actually what will happen is they enter and cross what I call

the illegal line. So they enter by hook and by crook and it's illegal because it is out of time. So they get knocked down, they get injured. They are hospitalized for three days. Come back again on the clutches and say, come on lets go. Get knocked down again. You will say this guy has real patience. Lets look in perspective, there are something that happen that should not be happening. There's zeal here, tremendous heat. That's the other type of patience we need to have.

In the bible in the New Testament talks about both development of patience. Moses is a typical example. During the first part of his life he was over here. Moses his first forty years is here. I mean he knew God called him. God chose him. Acts 7 in Stephen's teaching it tells us the story of Moses. Verse 22-25, "*And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds. Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand.*" Verse 25 is important; it's a New Testament revelation. It's not recorded in the Old Testament but in the New Testament. He supposed that in doing that his brethren would have understood that God will deliver them through his hand. But they did not understand. So there's Moses full of wisdom and full of mighty deeds. According to the writings of Josephus a Jewish historical scholar, it talks about Moses before he came to know the Lord in Egypt during those times of mighty deeds and trained by Egyptian. He was a mighty warrior and a mighty orator. He went in and out among Pharaoh's army. Tremendous leader. He has charisma and he was a natural leader. So one day as he was walking among his people, he knew he had a call of God in his life to deliver his people. So every time he goes inspecting. Forty years is a long time. So one day it came into his heart to visit his brethren and he was going to play the judge. I mean he was high and mighty. When he saw the Israelites being bullied, the Egyptian Moses rose up like a bulldog, he looked around and saw nobody. He quickly dug a hole, threw this guy in and buried him. That was Moses. He had zeal but he was ahead of God's timing. He had the right goal but the wrong method and the wrong time.

Moses went into detention class. For forty years he went inside there. What was he doing? The bible says, he ran away from Pharaoh and went into the bad

part of the wilderness. He hid in the bad part of the wilderness and met Jethro on the first day when he went into the wilderness. They had some adventure too. He sat by the well dressed like an Egyptian and people thought that he was an Egyptian. Sitting by the well there comes these girls taking water. Other people drove the girls away but Moses stood up and helped them. Moses fell in love with one of those girls. He married Jethro's daughter and bore the children. He is now satisfied. He had given up his high and mighty things of prestige and position and has gone to be an ordinary shepherd in the bad part of the wilderness. When God met him in Exodus, he had already given up his goal. He had no interest. He was happy with his children. Happy with where he was. It's good life. He might not have the city things that Pharaoh has. Don't have all those things there but it's a good life. It's a reasonable life to live. He could live happily ever after. So during his next forty years Moses have shifted gear and came to this side. He had great patience but his patience didn't want to move. He actually gave up. So when God says, 'Moses,' Moses says, 'No, not me Lord.' He had great patience. Earlier on he wants to go when he was the Moses this side. He was on fire. But now this Moses here, you say, 'come on Moses and you push him.' But he says, 'No, one step forward, two steps backward. Push him again, three steps forward, six steps backward. It's patience waiting on God's timing. Now actually he has lost his zeal or he has lost his vision. Forty years in the wilderness he was emptied out until he was nothing.

What God showed Moses was a revelation. You see that patience over there was a fire. That patience there represents a plant. When He brought Moses to His last forty years, He showed him a burning bush. For the first time in the book of Exodus chapter two and three the burning bush was burning. He was taking care of the sheep. He may have noticed the bush burning and say maybe is the sun reflection, so he ignored it. But continually it keeps happening. Let me go and have a look. In fact it tells us that he didn't know what it was. He actually went there to have a look. As he drew near to see why, lets see Exodus 3 his purpose of going near the bush. It says in verse 2-3, "*And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of the bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.'*" He was not thinking about his vision, his calling, I mean going back to Israel was the last thing on his mind. He has his work as a shepherd. So when he saw the bush burning, his purpose for going there was I wonder why it never burned out. According to my calculation it should have burnt

out by now but this bush is still burning. I wonder why it did not burn away. As he goes near the burning bush, suddenly out of the bush, the Angel of the Lord was there. Of course he cannot see the Angel. He saw the bush burning. The Angel on behalf of God said, 'Moses'. When Moses came near and the bush talked to him, his sarong nearly drops. Never seen that before. If Moses was like us, before we walk close to the Lord, we will tremble. The bush continued talking. Lets see what the bush says, in Exodus 3: 4 it says *"Moses, Moses! And Moses said, 'Here I am.' Then the bush said, 'Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet."* So he took off his sandals and then finally the bush identifies the source. It says in verse 6, *"I am the God of your Father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God."* Moses was so afraid he hid in another bush. God has to call Moses back. It tells us God gave him all those instructions and Moses starts talking to God in verse 11, *"But Moses said to God, Who am I'."* This is a different Moses. The old Moses this side was saying 'I am who is who, I am who.' Now the Moses that was on that side after forty years in the wilderness said, 'who am I?' That side 'I am who'. This side says, ' who am I?' Then the Lord remove the who. He said I am and You are the You are. No more questions about who is who. So God identified Himself in verse 14, *"And God said to Moses, 'I am who I Am.'* Now he combined both sides. This side says, 'who am I', that side says, 'I am who.' So God said, 'I am who I am.' At the center of the who, one side says I am and the other side says I am. You cannot be anything except what God want you to be because the 'who' who dwells in us is Him Jesus of Nazareth.

Paul says, it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. The same story of Moses is repeated in many lives. Paul once upon a time says I am who brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. He was top of his class. He says in Galatians, he was the best among all his contemporaries. I am who. Later Paul realized on this side. When he was persecuted, when he had no place to God, then he said 'who am I Lord'. In Arabia he has to discover himself again. He went to Arabia and Damascus for three years. He has to find himself again. All his theology has to be rearranged until the revelation of God come. To all of us as to Moses and as to Paul as to all of us until we realize God is 'I am who I am'. So we are who wants to be who we are.

Moses had that revelation of God. Finally we can see here that Moses told God in

chapter 4: 1 *"They will not believe me or listen to my voice."* God says in verse 2, *"What is that in your hand? He said, 'A rod.' God says, 'cast it on the ground.' So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent."* In verse 3, it tells us that Moses disappeared. Moses fled. God had to get him back. What was God doing? God says, in verse 4 *"Reach out your hand and take it by the tail."* But God I am a shepherd. I know about snake. We never catch snakes by the tail. God says, 'do it, because I am who I am.' Yes Lord, You are who You are. I will do it because You are who You are.' And picked up the snake by the tail and that snake turned into a rod. But something happened that day. Finally when Moses obeyed God, it tells us in verse 17, God says, *"You shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."* God specially give him the authorization of that rod in his life. In verse 20, *"Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt."*

Don't forget this phrase in verse 20, Moses took the rod of God, that same rod he had used for forty years was now the rod of God because he met I am who I am. God is speaking to our hearts even tonight. Some of us develop that side - '*makrothumia*'. Some of us on this side - '*hupomone*'. We all need that burning bush experience in our life. We need to know that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. Our position, our wealth, our education, everything that is valued in human society in God's sight is nothing. We need to have the right perspective. Because if we don't we may end up using those things to serve God instead of using those things to yield to God. That's a different thing all together. And on the other side we must not fall into the extreme of losing our hope even if you have no hope. You must get back to God. The most important thing is the revelation of God in our life. To develop that kind patience that comes from God.

*'Hupomone'* is the patience develops through the Word. *'Makrothumia'* is the patience that develops in the Spirit. So one hand you have the Word, on the other hand you have the Spirit. Sometimes if you have the Word but the Spirit is not blowing yet, you got to wait. Sometimes you have the Spirit but you don't have the Word to back it up yet, you got to wait. Great is the wisdom of those who will love to move with both the Word and the Spirit because if you only have the Word you will dry up. If you have the Spirit you will blow up. But if you have both Word and the Spirit you will grow up. That's what God wants us to do - to have the Word and the Spirit. Lets examine our lives, our character in Him. Be in line with

the Word and in the Spirit. There is something the Word says, but the Spirit did not instruct to launch it. Something the Spirit says but you don't have the Word backing your way. Patience in His time all things shall be done.