

## "THE POWER OF PATIENCE"

"Love is Patient" 1 Cor. 13:4

### WHY IS PATIENCE SO VITAL?

#### 1. BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS DIFFERENT

"God works through different people in different ways." 1 Cor. 12:6 (Phillips)

#### 2. BECAUSE OUR DIFFERENCES CREATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS

"No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like, except that person himself." 1 Cor. 2:11 (Living Bible)

"... Be patient with everyone." 1 Thes. 5:14 (Living Bible)

### MISUNDERSTANDING comes from 4 wrong assumptions:

- \* That words mean the same thing to everyone
- \* There is only one right way to see things
- \* That my way is the only right way
- \* That I can figure out your motives

### HOW TO BE MORE PATIENT WITH PEOPLE

#### 1. REMEMBER HOW PATIENT GOD IS WITH ME

". . . I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ might display his unlimited patience. . ." 1 Tim. 1:16 (New International Version)

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." Rom. 15:7 (New International Version)

#### 2. LEARN BY LISTENING

"A man's wisdom gives him patience." Pr. 19:11 (New International Version)

"A patient man has great understanding." Pr. 14:29 (New International Version)

"Anyone who answers without listening is foolish and confused." Pr. 18:13 (NCV)

#### 3. MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR EACH OTHER

"Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults, because of your love." Eph. 4:2 (Living Bible)

"Smart people will ignore an insult." Pr. 12:16 (Good News)

#### 4. TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

"Always treat others as you'd like them to treat you." Matt. 7:12 (Living Bible)

"None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider others' interests also. Let your attitude toward life be that of Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:4-5 (Phillips)