BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

Growing in Patience

Practice steady love when progress is slow and emotions run high.

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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

OPENING PRAYER

Patient God, slow me down when frustration rises. Help me respond with wisdom, tell the truth with kindness, and accept that healthy growth often takes time. Amen.

Name _____ Date _____

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PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

This study helps women understand impatience, create a pause, accept slow growth, and respond with steadiness without tolerating harm.

☐ Reflect ☐ Pray ☐ Discuss ☐ Practice

PART 1

Notice What Is Under Impatience

Impatience may grow from fear, exhaustion, unrealistic expectations, grief, overstimulation, or a need for control.

> Search me, God, and know my heart.
>
> **Psalm 139:23**

TRUTH TO CARRY

Naming the pressure beneath impatience creates room for a wiser response.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

When does impatience rise most quickly?

What feeling is underneath it?

What need or expectation is present?

Grace makes room for truth, wisdom, and growth.

PART 2

Practice the Sacred Pause

A breath, short prayer, glass of water, or request for a few minutes can interrupt an automatic reaction.

> Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
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> **James 1:19**

TRUTH TO CARRY

The pause is where choice becomes possible.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

What signal tells you to pause?

What words can you use to step away respectfully?

How will you return to the issue?

Grace makes room for truth, wisdom, and growth.

PART 3

Allow Growth to Take Time

We often expect ourselves and others to change faster than real healing, learning, and trust can happen.

> Let perseverance finish its work.
>
> **James 1:4**

TRUTH TO CARRY

Patience honors progress without pretending unfinished work is complete.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

Where are you demanding instant change?

What small progress can you acknowledge?

What expectation needs to become more realistic?

Grace makes room for truth, wisdom, and growth.

PART 4

Patience Still Uses Boundaries

Patience does not require staying silent about abuse, repeated harm, manipulation, or unsafe behavior.

> The prudent see danger and take refuge.
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> **Proverbs 22:3**

TRUTH TO CARRY

You can be patient with a person while being firm about safety and responsibility.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

Is this delay inconvenient or unsafe?

What boundary protects peace and dignity?

Who can help you judge wisely?

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PRACTICE

My Faith-in-Action Plan

Turn today's reflection into one honest, supported, and realistic next step.

My most common impatience trigger:

What is usually underneath it:

The pause practice I will use:

One expectation I will adjust:

One boundary I will communicate calmly:

THIS WEEK I WILL

- [ ] Take one breath
- [ ] Lower one expectation
- [ ] Speak calmly
- [ ] Pray before replying
- [ ] Notice small progress
- [ ] Keep needed boundaries

MY ANCHOR PRAYER

God, grow patient strength in me without silencing truth or wisdom.

CLOSING TOGETHER

Carry Grace Into the Week

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, make us steady in waiting, gentle in speech, realistic about growth, and courageous about necessary boundaries. Amen.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Patience is not passive; it is strength that stays governed by love and wisdom.

CLOSING CIRCLE

One situation where I will practice the pause:

DECLARATION

I can slow down, choose my response, honor gradual growth, and remain wise about safety.

Her Story. His Grace. Our Purpose.