

Patience

I have often heard it said that you should never pray for patience because when you do, the Lord is sure to give you something to try your patience. Patience is a word and a concept that is used a lot in the Bible. An Old English word for patience is “longsuffering”. Some other synonyms for patience or patient are: tolerance, forbearance and resignation. Here are twenty Scripture quotes that relate to patience.

There are many great men and women in the bible that show us how patience can payoff in the long run. Noah, Joseph, Moses, and Job are several examples of incredible patience and perseverance.

Noah: Genesis – Chapters 6, 7, & 8

- It took Noah 120 Years to build the Ark.
- He was 600 years old when he entered the ark.
- 2nd Month, 10th day, God shuts them into the ark (day 0).
- 2nd Month, 17th day, Springs and rain begin (day 7). FLOOD BEGINS
- After 40 days, the intense rain ends. (day 47)
- After 110 days of subsiding water/raising mountains, ark aground (day 157)
- After 74 more days, more mountains appear (day 231)
- After another 40 days Noah sends out the raven but it doesn't land...Sends the dove. (day 271)
- After 14 days (with 2 more dove flights), dove does not return (day 285)
- Noah removes covering. (day 324)
- 27th day of 2nd month, earth is dry (day 382)

Joseph: Genesis – Chapters 40 & 41

- He was 17 when he was sold into Egypt
- He was 30 when he was made overseer
- He was 39 when his brothers first came to Egypt (second year of the famine, or nine years after being made overseer)
- He was probably 41 or so when the brothers came a second time and Jacob comes to Egypt
- He was 110 when he died

Moses: Exodus

1st 40 Years

- Birth
- Early life
- Moses is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and educated in Egyptian wisdom;
- At age 40 he slays an Egyptian and flees to Midian.

2nd 40 Years

- There he marries Zipporah the daughter of Jethro.
- Moses tends sheep for Jethro for 40 years; his life during this time is obscure.
- God talks to Moses from a burning bush
- He is sent to deliver Israel from the Egyptians;

3rd 40 years

- He shows signs from God, and eventually the Israelites are free to go
- He brings them God's Law; they wander in the wilderness for 40 years
- Moses leads Israel to the promised land; he gives them a final address and blessing
- Moses is not allowed to enter the promised land.
- He dies at 120 years old and is buried by the Lord.

Job: Job

- At the start, Job had 7 sons, 3 daughters, 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys.
- The Sabeans stole all the oxen and donkeys and killed the servants tending them.
- The sheep and the servants tending them were consumed in a fire.
- The Chaldeans stole the camels and killed the servants tending them.
- Job's seven sons and three daughters are killed as the brother's house (whom they were at for feasting) fell on them from a horrendous wind.
- Job is covered with hideous boils and festering sores.
- His wife, three friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) and Elihu speak harshly against him.
- God comes down and lectures Job for questioning Him.
- In the end, Job got back his 7 sons and 3 daughters and everything else was doubled (14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1000 yoke of oxen, and 1000 female donkeys).