

Don't Make Me Wait

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Do you ever feel frustrated when you arrive somewhere and realize that you will have to wait in line before you may proceed?

Does the idea of spending a fun-filled day at an amusement park quickly fade away at the thought of having to wait in line for the rides and attractions?

Have you ever swerved in front of a car even though you could clearly see that the cars ahead of you were all stopped at a red light? Answering “yes” to any one of these questions may determine that you have a challenge in the patience department.

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word patience as “the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.” With all of the advances made in modern technology, society has become less tolerant of having to wait for just about anything. We want it yesterday! There is an expectation that even routine or mundane task will be and should be completed quickly. However, there is still something to be said about a person who exhibits patience.

Patience is a sign of self-control and plays an important role in helping us to grow and mature as individuals. Patience allows a person to become stronger in his or her faith in God. Can you imagine what your personal relationships with your spouse and children would be like, were it not for patience? Just a little something to think about.

“Patience is the calm acceptance that things can happen in a different order than the one you have in mind.”

- David G. Allen