

The Mark of Patience

NINE MARKS #4 - Pastor Gary Combs – June 7, 2015 - Ephesians 4:1-2, 17-27

Ephesians 4:1-2, 17-27 (ESV) ¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love... ¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil.

Bearing Christ's mark of patience is about ...

1. ... _____.

Psalms 37:7 (ESV) Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him...

James 5:78 (NIV) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

2. ... _____.

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) ...Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

3. ... not _____.

Proverbs 29:11 (NLT) A fool gives full vent to anger, but a wise person quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 29:22 (NLT) A hot-tempered person starts fights and gets into all kinds of sin.

James 1:19-20 (NIV) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

4. ... _____.

Romans 15:5 (NLT) May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other.