I want to KNOW YOU**:** the Attributes of God

**PATIENT**

**LESSON 23** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you know Him better as your **Good God**?

2. Pray and ask God to reveal insights into His great **Patience** as you read **1 Timothy 1:12-17**.

3. Define or give synonyms for the word, “**patient**.” Circle the ones that point to our **Patient** God.

4. Paul leads up to his powerful description of God’s **patience** by first describing his own journey to faith. In **V12**, for what three things does Paul thank Jesus? Which of these encourages you?

5. a) Read **Acts 8:3, 22:4-5,19-20 & 26:9-11**, and tie them into how Paul describes himself In **V13a**.

* Blasphemer
* Persecutor/violent man

b) In **V13b** how could Paul say he “acted in ignorance and unbelief,” given what he said in **Acts 22:3** & **Philippians 4b-6**

6. a) How did God respond, and how was this an example of His **Patience** (**V14**)?

b) As you think of the not-yet-believers in your life, in what ways could you display Godly **patience** despite their acts of “ignorance and unbelief?”

7. In **V15**, Paul emphatically stated Christ’s purpose for coming into the world.

1. What was that purpose?
2. In our culture today, what do some people *think* Christ’s main purpose was?

8. a) What message was God communicating by the mercy He gave Paul (**V16a**)?

b) To whom was God aiming this message (**V16b**)?

c) Write a truth about God’s **Patience** based on **V16.**

9. a) Restate **2 Peter 3:9** in your own words.

b) How is God’s **Patience** connected to His great desire for mankind? (See also **3: 8,15a**)

10. Read **Romans 2:4**. What is the connection between **patience** and repentance?

11. **Nehemiah 9** is a prayer of confession by the Israelites.Read **9:29-31** and describe the many ways God was “**patient** with them.”

12. Paul’s transparency about his past sins displayed God’s immense **Patience**.

1. What part of your own personal story illustrates His **Patience** with you?
2. What comfort does God’s attribute of **Patience** give you for any prodigals or unbelievers?

13. Share any new ways you personally know God better and appreciate Him more as your **Patient** God after studying this week’s lesson.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. a) According to **Psalm 40:1-3,** how did the Lord respond to the psalmist’s **patience**?

b) Which response did you resonate with the most and why?

2. What more do the following verses have to say about how **patience** is woven into your daily living:

* **Proverbs 15:18**
* **Romans 12:12**
* **1 Corinthians 13:4**

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **1 Timothy 1:16**

b) Write out a prayer to our **Patient** Lord inspired by this lesson.

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