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# CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER

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# RECAP

- To equip you with the unseen ideals and the non-negotiable traits that guide people of Christ-like character, including humility, faithfulness, forgiveness, courage, integrity, loyalty, diligence, gratitude, compassion, and patience
- You will learn how to tap into the power to always do the right thing.
- You will learn to stay in a place with God where the anointing on your lives can flow and bring the unseen riches of the Kingdom of God to those around you.

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# LAST WEEK – COMPASSION (DEEP-SEATED CARING)

It is being so moved  
by the need that you  
put a demand on the  
power of God to  
meet that need

Biblical compassion  
always produces  
action

Don't block the flow  
of compassion

Share the things of  
this world

When you minister  
to others, you are  
actually ministering  
to Jesus Himself

Share the “true  
riches” of the  
kingdom of God

Intercession for the  
lost and hurting is an  
important part of  
compassion


Jesus intercedes for  
us

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# LAST WEEK – COMPASSION (DEEP-SEATED CARING)

Isaiah 58:6-14 blends sharing the things of this world with sharing the true riches of the kingdom of God, and then gives the Lord's promises of tremendous blessings for those who will allow compassion to flow through them.



*But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:17-18).*



*“Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does” (Matthew 5:43 MSG).*

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# LAST WEEK – COMPASSION (DEEP-SEATED CARING)

## Promises to those who allow themselves to be moved with compassion

- **Prosperity** - The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. (Prov. 11:25 NLT).
  - Mercy to the needy is a loan to God, and God pays back those loans in full (Prov. 19:17 MSG).
  - He who gives to the poor will not lack, but he who hides his eyes will have many curses (Prov. 28:27).
  - **All grace** - And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation] (2 Cor. 9:8 AMP).
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# PATIENCE

## SUFFERING LONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Week 12

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# MEANING

**Two Greek words are translated “patience” in the New Testament.**

1. *hupomeno* – endure, take patiently

- “Generally expresses patience with regard to things” (Vines 950).

2. *makrothumeo* – bear long, suffer long

- “Generally expresses patience with regard to people” (Vines 950).
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# **INSTRUCTION ON LONG- SUFFERING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

Longsuffering is an aspect of unconditional love – 1 Cor. 13:4.

Longsuffering is one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23.

We choose to “put on” longsuffering – Col. 3:12-14.

We choose to put on Christian character – 1 Thess. 5:14-16.

We must teach with longsuffering – 2 Tim. 4:2.



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# EXAMPLES OF LONGSUFFERING IN THE SCRIPTURES

- Old Testament prophets – James 5:10
  - Jesus patiently refused to give up on His disciples.
    - When they were afraid their boat would sink – Matt. 8:26
    - When Peter thought Jesus would let him drown – Matt. 14:31
    - When they were worried because they hadn't brought food – Matt. 16:8-9
    - When Cleopas and the other disciple didn't believe Mary and John – Luke 24:22-27.
    - When the disciples still didn't "get it" – after several reported seeing Him and hearing the Scriptural proof of what had happened – Mark 16:12-14.
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# MEDITATE - AND GROW IN PATIENCE

*Admonish (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly]; encourage the timid and fainthearted, help and give your support to the weak souls, [and] be very patient with everybody [always keeping your temper].*



*See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody.*



*Be happy [in your faith] and rejoice and be glad-hearted continually (always) (1 Thessalonians 5:14-16 AMP).*

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# PROMISES TO THE PATIENT

- **You will receive *all* the promises of God** - That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:12). And so, after he [Abraham] had patiently endured, he obtained the promise (Hebrews 6:15).
  - **Joy** - Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy (Colossians 1:11).
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