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What Longsuffering Can Do

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INT:

Buckley 7 yrs. WHAT LONGSUFFERING CAN DO... TIME: 10:

God has promised His children the BEST! !!

* II Pet. 1:2-4. Involves Divine Nature!!!

CONVICTION: This Divine Nature grows into a person who has the Fruit of the Spirit in his life!! *Gal. 5:22-26.

PREVIOUS LESSONS: *To be Lincoln - Spec. age.*

1. Love will lead the Christian to give the Lord **LOVING SERVICE.**
2. Joy will lead the Christian to give his life to God **SACRIFICIALLY!!** Heb. 12:2
3. Peace will inspire the Christian to participate in **LOVING EVANGELISM.**

Question: What will LONGSUFFERING DO?

I. DEFINED:

A. Modern translations: **FORBEARANCE. PATIENCE AN EVEN-TEMPER. PATIENT-ENDURANCE!**

B. Greek: "Longsuffering is that quality of **SELF-RESTRAINT** in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate nor promptly punish. It is the opposite of anger. It is associated with **MERCY.**"

II. WHAT DID LONGSUFFERING DO: Biblically? **1 ex:**

A. **It delayed God's destruction of Noah's generation 100 yrs.** * I Pet. 3:18-22. *and*
(Involved: Love, mercy & compassion.)

→ **II Pet. 3:3-4. + 7-9.** *Richmond!*

III. WHAT LONGSUFFERING MUST DO FOR MIDTOWN:

Examples: Past ~~and~~ Future.

A. Definition: Toleration of one another's differences in **PERSONALITY, AGE, BACKGROUND, LIKES & DISLIKES!!!** *Big people*

B. KEY QUALITY: Flexibility in matters of tradition, judgment and opinion. *Phil. 2:3. (Repeat)*

NOTE: MUST BE INFLEXIBLE in matters of **Faith and Morals and New Testament practices.**

* I Cor. 15:58. **UNITY IN DIVERSITY....**
in judgmental matters!!! **Opinions!!!**

1. **EXAMPLE # 1.** Bob Davis's Prayers for the Communion Nov. 27, 1978. Devotional. Different. 3 hrs. work. **Beautiful and spiritual.** Had a tinge of "Thanksgiving" spirit. **Right! Good! Scolded for it!!**

Conclusion: MORE LONGSUFFERING needed here.

2. **EXAMPLE # 2. Sermon on Acts 2:42.**
Mixed sermon & other items of worship as outline suggests. A WAY. Not THE way. Different. One told me: "That's NOT the way the church of Christ, I know, does it."
MANY WAYS possible. All, right ways.
CAUTION: Must try to avoid RUT-RELIGI ON

Note: Youth wants variety! Aged like OLD way only!!!
Youth, DENIED Happy exercise of their spirits,
must go elsewhere....AND WILL!!!!
MY POLICY: An attempt at a compromise. Maybe pleased a few!!!!

3. **EXAMPLE # 3.** Adjust TIME for P.M. service on Super Bowl Sunday. Many did! NOT A MATTER OF FAITH. Opinion! Others: Made an adjustment; had 7 p.m. worship; permitted interested members to see the game!
KEY: Everybody got their way--with a slight adjustment--97% happy-tolerant
IMPORTANT! Leaders TRIED to be understanding. Were considerate of their people
NO VIOLATION OF ANYTHING SACRED!!!!

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YOUR
IV. -MIDTOWN'S CHALLENGE:

- A. Perpetuate the Great Restoration Principle:
1. In matters of FAITH --- UNITY.
2. In matters of Judgment- LIBERTY. *flexibility*
3. In All matters.....--- LOVE.

CONCLUSION: This is a fitting EXPLANATION of the Fruit of the Spirit: Longsuffering: UNITY. LIBERTY. LOVE.

INV: Our invitation ~~this morning~~ will be extended by the Apostle Paul:

* Eph. 4:1-6.

If we can help you with your spiritual needs this morning please respond by coming to the front as we stand and sing!!!

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