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FOR FRUITFUL PRAYING

LESSON FIVE | **THE PATIENCE CLUSTER**
Waiting in Prayer



THE PATIENCE CLUSTER

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PATIENCE IN PRAYER

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Hurry is the death of prayer.” — Samuel Chadwick

Romans 5:1-5 (MSG)

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that’s not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. There’s more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we’re hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we’re never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God

generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

VOICES OF PRAYER

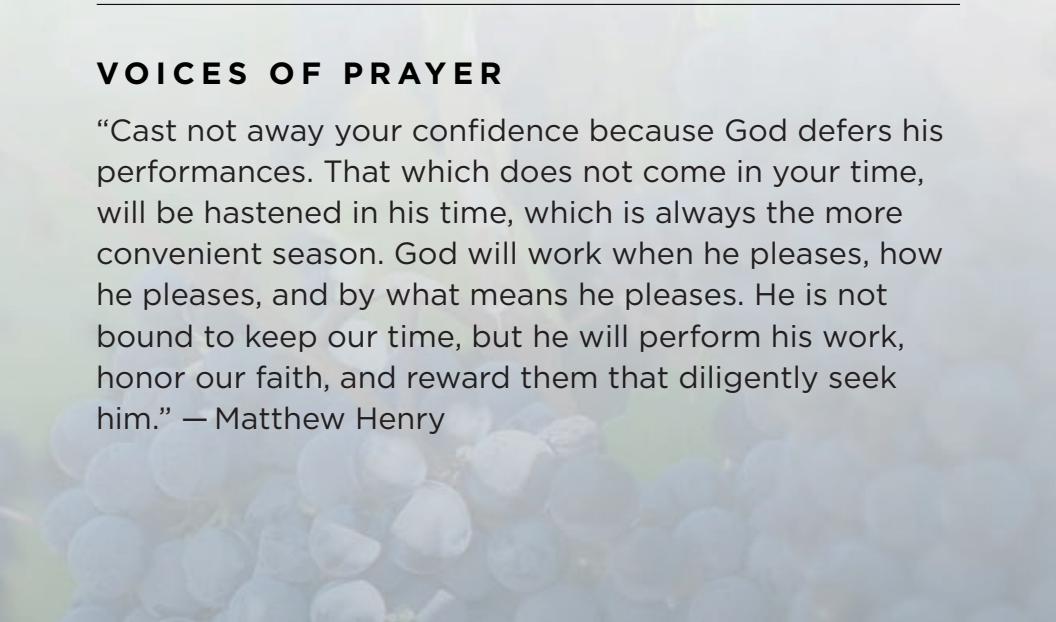
“If any are inclined to despond, because they do not have... patience, let them be of good courage. It is in the course of our feeble and very imperfect waiting that God Himself, by His hidden power, strengthens us and works out in us the patience of the great saints, the patience of Christ Himself.” — Andrew Murray

Hebrews 10:35-36 (AMP)

Do not, therefore, fling away your [fearless] confidence, for it has a glorious *and* great reward. For you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive *and* enjoy to the full what is promised.

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Cast not away your confidence because God defers his performances. That which does not come in your time, will be hastened in his time, which is always the more convenient season. God will work when he pleases, how he pleases, and by what means he pleases. He is not bound to keep our time, but he will perform his work, honor our faith, and reward them that diligently seek him.” — Matthew Henry





Be assured *and* understand that the trial *and* proving of your faith bring out endurance *and* steadfastness *and* patience. But let endurance *and* steadfastness *and* patience have full play *and* do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

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WAITING IN PRAYER

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.” — John Ortberg

Psalm 5:1-3 (NLT)

O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Waiting is the elevation of the mind to God.”
—John of Damascus (Ancient Syrian Theologian)

Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Psalm 37:7a-9b, 34 (NKJV)

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way... Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only *causes* harm... But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth... Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land...

***Psalm 62:1-2, 5 (NKJV)***

Truly my soul silently *waits* for God; From Him *comes* my salvation. He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be greatly moved... My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation *is* from Him.

VOICES OF PRAYER

“If we read the biographies of the great and wise... we shall find they were people of long silences and deep ponderings. Whatever of vision, of power, of genius there was in their work was wrought in silence. And when we turn to the inner circle of the spiritual masters—the men and women, not necessarily gifted or distinguished, to whom God was a ‘living, bright reality’ which supernaturalized their everyday life and transmuted their homeliest actions into sublime worship—we find that their roots struck deep into the soil of spiritual silence.” — Bridgid Herman

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NKJV)

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

“Waiting on God requires our entire being. It is not drifting into day-dreaming, but is rather an exercise that demands our keenest attention, our most alert frame of mind, and all of our soul’s attention to the Heavenly Voice.” — John Bisagno

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PATIENCE CLUSTER - INSIGHT ONE

Waiting

Waiting in prayer is the silent surrendering of the soul that renews our strength and leads us to the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory. Waiting cultivates in us a passionate patience that forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us ever alert to whatever God will do next.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight One, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to cultivate a spirit of patience in prayer. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you are watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight One of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight One (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer of desire to learn to wait more patiently in prayer.

PART 1

Abiding in Prayer

ABIDE DEFINED

“To remain in a stable or fixed state; to continue in a specific place; to live somewhere; sojourn.”

John 15:1-2, 4 (NKJV)

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

VOICES OF PRAYER

“A soul filled with large thoughts of the Vine will be a strong branch, and will abide confidently in Him. Be much occupied with Jesus, and believe much in Him, as the True Vine.” — Andrew Murray

1 John 3:24 (AMPC)

All who keep His commandments [who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and] abide in Him, and He in them. [They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ.] And by this we know *and* understand *and* have the proof that He [really] lives *and* makes His home in us: by the [Holy] Spirit Whom He has given us.

***Psalm 91:1-2 (NKJV)***

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.*”

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Man seeks the knowledge first, and often, alas! never gets beyond it. God gives us Christ, and in Him hid the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. O let us be content to possess Christ, to dwell in Him, to make Him our life, and only in deeper searching into Him, to search and find the knowledge we desire. Such knowledge is life indeed.” — Andrew Murray

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.

Abiding is a sense of “restful anticipation.” It is learning the “unforced rhythms of grace.” It is a willingness to simply move into and remain permanently in a place because of an inward assurance that something is worth staying in that place for very long periods of time. (See Matthew 11:28-29.)

John 8:31 (AMPC)

So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.

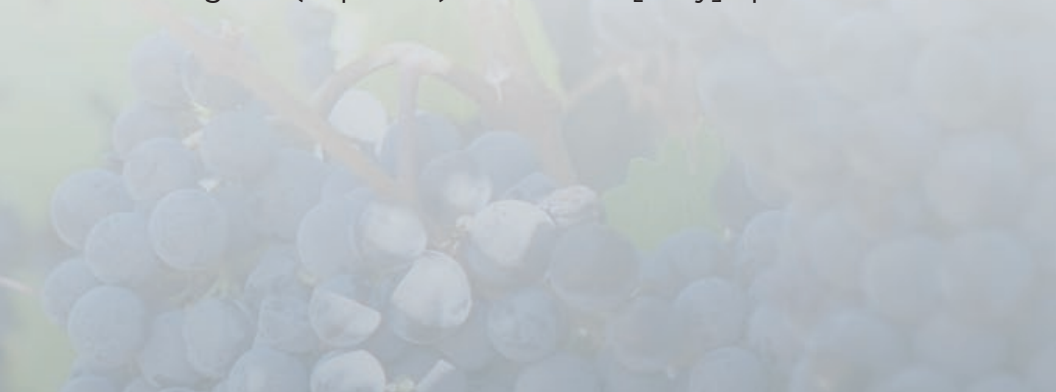
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“Oh, that you would come and begin simply to listen to His Word, and to ask only the one question: Does He really mean that I should abide in Him? The answer His Word gives is so simple and so sure: By His almighty grace you now are in Him; that same almighty grace will indeed enable you to abide in Him. By faith you became partakers of the initial grace; by that same faith you can enjoy the continuous grace of abiding in Him.”

— Andrew Murray

1 John 4:12-13 (AMPC)

No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us! By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit.





“Take time in the inner chamber to bow down and worship, and wait on Him until He unveils Himself and takes possession of you and goes out with you to show how a man may live and walk in abiding fellowship with an unseen Lord.” — Andrew Murray

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PATIENCE CLUSTER - INSIGHT TWO

Abiding

Abiding in Christ is to settle down, dwell and permanently continue in all that Christ is and has for us. It is to remain in His Word and faithfully obey it. Abiding in Christ is to reside in Him just as He has promised to reside in us as we ever seek to “dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High God” and “abide under the Shadow of the Almighty.”

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Two, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to abide in prayer and God’s Word. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you are watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Two of this teaching.)

Prayers

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Revelation 8:3-4 (MSG)

“...Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel.”

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PART 2

Watching in Prayer

WATCHING DEFINED

“To keep vigil as a devotional exercise; to be awake during the night; to be attentive or vigilant; to keep someone or something under close observation; to stay awake in order to guard.” The Greek word for “watch” is *Gregoreo*, which basically means “to be awake or vigilant.”

Note: “Watching” is to stay in a place of alertness because something anticipated is expected to happen or because something unanticipated may happen that needs a specific response from the watchman. A “night watch” is to “stand guard” because an enemy may be approaching.

Ephesians 6:18 (AMPC)

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).

VOICES OF PRAYER

“Watching in prayer and supplication bespeaks having spiritual insight to discern the wiles of Satan and to discover the latter’s end and means.” — Jack Taylor

***Matthew 26:36-37, 40-41 (NKJV)***

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed... Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

VOICES OF PRAYER

“To pray correctly one must be mentally alert and vigilant. Much praying is hampered by a dull, drowsy frame of mind.” — Dr. Curtis Mitchell

2 Chronicles 23:6 (NKJV)

But let no one come into the house of the Lord except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they *are* holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the Lord.

Psalms 130:5-7 (MSG)

I pray to God—my life a prayer—and wait for what he'll say and do. My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning, waiting and watching till morning. O Israel, wait and watch for God—with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes generous redemption.

Habakkuk 2:1 (NKJV)

I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I
will answer when I am corrected.

Isaiah 52:8 (NLT)

The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their
very eyes they see the LORD returning to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 62:6-7 (NLT)

O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they
will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you
who pray to the LORD. Give the LORD no rest until he
completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride
of the earth.

VOICES OF PRAYER

“The term ‘watchmen’ connotes a level of alertness
to the environment that being in [God’s] Presence
sharpens and facilitates.” — Susan Rowe





PATIENCE CLUSTER - INSIGHT THREE

Watching

Watching in prayer is a call to an alert
____ *sensitivity* ____ to the ____ *urgency* ____ of the hour
and the cunning ____ *methods* ____ of our adversary.
Watching, at a prophetic ____ *level* ____, is to cultivate
a prayerful ____ *discernment* ____ to the signs of the
____ *time* ____ and prayerfully address these concerns
in Holy Spirit-inspired intercession.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Three, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to watch in prayer. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you are watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Three of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight Three (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer of sensitivity and alertness to needs this very hour.



PART 3

Tarrying in Prayer

TARRYING DEFINED

“To linger in expectation; to be slow in going; to stay somewhere for a longer than originally anticipated amount of time.” Tarrying in a biblical sense suggests an urgent lingering, a conscious decision not to depart a place until a certain objective is attained.

LOOK AGAIN AT THE WORDS OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN JUST BEFORE HIS ARREST:

Matthew 26:38 (KJV)

Then saith he unto [his disciples], My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

Luke 24:45-49 (NKJV)

And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Isaiah 26:7-10 (MSG)

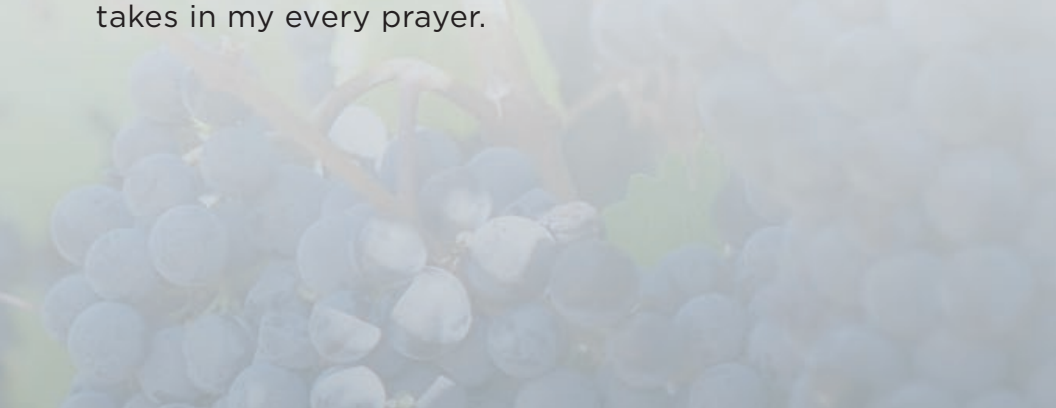
The path of right-living people is level. The Leveler evens the road for the right-living. We're in no hurry, God. We're content to linger in the path sign-posted with your decisions. Who you are and what you've done are all we'll ever want. Through the night my soul longs for you. Deep from within me my spirit reaches out to you...

VOICES OF PRAYER

"When I go aside in order to pray, I find my heart unwilling to approach God; and when I tarry in prayer my heart is unwilling to abide in Him. Therefore I am compelled first to pray to God to move my heart into Himself, and when I am in Him, I pray that my heart remain in Him." — John Bunyan

Psalms 27:4 (The Passion Translation)

Here's the one thing I crave from God. The one thing I seek above all else: I want the privilege of living with him Every moment in His house, Finding the sweet loveliness of His face; Filled with awe, delighting in His glory and grace. I want to live so close to Him that He takes in my every prayer.





PATIENCE CLUSTER - INSIGHT FOUR

Tarrying

Tarrying is a passionate, holy and solemn calling into sustained periods of fervent and passionate prayer, most often for the lost and suffering. To tarry is to linger, with little intention of giving up, giving in or giving out until an answer comes.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Four, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding your insights on what it means to tarry in prayer. Do you have an experience of tarrying that impacted your life? (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you are watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Four of this teaching.)

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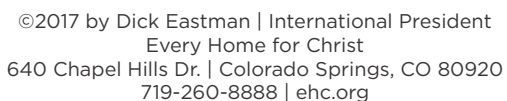
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