**Patience**

**Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.**

***(Psalm 33:20)***

**But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;**

**they shall mount up with wings as eagles;**

**they shall run and not be weary;**

**and they shall walk and not faint.**

***(Isaiah 40:31)***

**Do not lose, therefore, the confidence that you have,**

**for it has a great reward.**

**For you have need of patience in order**

**that you may do the will of God and receive the promise.**

***(Hebrews 10:35-36)***

**And let patience be a perfect work,**

**That you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.**

***(James 1:4)***

**Be patient, therefore, beloved,**

**until the coming of the Lord.**

**The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,**

**being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.**

***(James 5:7)***

**Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. *(Joyce Meyer, in Battlefield of the Mind)***

**Everything comes to those who wait … except a cat. *(Mario Andretti, racing driver)***

**Patience is a virtue in the world of baseball player development. Since the advent of baseball’s amateur draft back in 1965 there have been only 17 players go directly from the amateur level to the big leagues, and they have had minimal success. Six of the 17 didn’t even spend a full season in the big leagues. *(Tracy Ringolsby, in Rocky Mountain News, May 31, 1992)***

**Patience is never more important than when you are at the edge of losing it. *(O. A. Battista)***

**Beware the fury of a patient man. *(John Dryden)***

**Patience is a minor form of despair disguised as a virtue. *(Ambrose Bierce)***

**Patience is bitter, but its fruits are sweet. *(Jean Jacques Rousseau)***

**Liz: “I hate this waiting! Wait to see the doctor! Wait to take the tests! Wait to get the results! And all the while something deadly might be growing inside you!” Mom: “We’ll find out soon enough, Liz. You have to have patience.” Liz: “I just hope the cancer’s that patient!” *(Ed Stein, in Denver Square comic strip)***

**One young man came to work at Unity about the time of World War I. Brilliant and restless, at first it did not seem that he would be able to find a place in Unity where he could use his talents. Myrtle Fillmore, however, recognized that he was a gifted person and encouraged him to stay and to have faith that he would find in Unity the right avenue for the expression of his gifts. In 1924 this young man, Frank B. Whitney, encouraged by Myrtle and Charles Fillmore, brought forth Unity Daily Word, which has since become the most popular of all the Unity publications. He became the first editor of this magazine and one of the best loved of Unity’s writers. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity)***

**Hagar: “When’s dinner, Helga?” Helga: “I still have to chop wood, fetch water, start the fire, peel potatoes, pluck the chicken, shell the peas, bake the bread, set the table, and I don’t have any help!” Hagar: “Well, take your time. I’m in no hurry.” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**Patience and time do more than strength or passion. *(Jean de La Fontaine, poet)***

**Patience is something you admire greatly in the driver behind you but not in the one ahead of you. *(Steve Wilson, in A Joy of Life Book)***

**How much of human life is lost in waiting! *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**According to careful scientific measurement, almost 95 percent of an automobile’s mechanical engine wear occurs in the first ten seconds after the cold engine is started. Also, the gas mileage of an engine in the first few minutes after starting is less than a third of that of a warm engine. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s a Weird World, p. 19)***

**The inner man Governor William Floyd Weld of Massachusetts describes is drawn from his boyhood in Smithtown, N.Y., where the family estate covered nearly a square mile of central Long Island. The pond alone covered 200 acres. One day in the 1950s, young Weld set out to fish in one boat while his father and uncle were out in another. When a thunderstorm crackled, the two men returned to shore. “I stayed out for six hours,” Weld reminisces, “and when I came back, they said, ‘Boy, you must have been slaying them out there.’ I said, ‘No, I didn’t get a nibble all day.’ And they wouldn’t believe it. But nothing makes me happier than to be waiting and waiting for a fish to bite. *(Christopher Lydon, in New York Times Magazine)***

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**Hunting was a part of our lives when we lived in Minnesota. But when my family moved to the Pacific Northwest, my parents spent more time fishing. I liked to go fishing, but I didn’t really like to fish. When I was 16 and had a boyfriend, however, he loved to fish and spent most of his spare time at a river or a creek. One day he asked me along. I did my best to cast my line where he suggested. But time after time, he had to untangle my reel or rescue my bait from a rock or bush. The final straw was when I snagged a tree – behind me, no less. He put down his rod, stomped over, yanked my line out of the tree and flung my pole as far out into the blackberry brambles as it would fly. “There,” he said. “Now you won’t have to worry about fishing anymore, will you? “No,” I replied, “and neither will my father. That was his pole.” *(Norma Gavick, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Fisherman: “Hey, pal! You’ve been standing there watching me fish for three hours! Why don’t you get a rod and reel and do some fishing yourself?” Onlooker: “No, thanks. I don’t have the patience for it.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**Patience is also a form of action. *(Auguste Rodin)***

**To wait patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life. *(Simone Weil)***

**Patience often gets the credit that belongs to fatigue. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**The patient investor gets compounded. The impatient investor gets confounded. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg – not by smashing it. *(Arnold Glasow)***

**Pleading to see the new lambs, our then 3-year-old grandson was told he’d have to wait until later. That afternoon, when he got the same response, he protested: “It’s already long past later.” *(Thomas LaManse, in Catholic Digest)***

**Do you have the patience to wait until your mud settles and the water is clear? Can you remain unmoving until the right action arises by itself? *(Lao Tzu, in Tao Te Ching)***

**The opposite of talking isn’t listening. The opposite of talking is waiting. *(Fran Lebowitz, humorist)***

**Only with winter-patience can we bring the deep-desired, long-awaited spring. *(Anne Morrow Lindbergh)***

**60% of Americans say they can’t wait more than 15 minutes in a line before losing their patience. When put on hold on the telephone, 54% say they can wait no more than five minutes. *(Associated Press/lpsos, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 9, 2006)***

**One of the most difficult lessons for ambitious young people to learn is that when you try to make an impression that is the impression you make. Those whose center of emotional gravity is deeply embedded are willing to wait quietly in line until they are discovered. *(Sydney J. Harris, North America Syndicate)***

**Man who wants pretty nurse must be patient. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**If you master patience, you may master everything else. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**We are told that the artist John Linnell was very sensitive about friends wanting to see a masterpiece he was working on before it was finished. He feared that some might come into his studio in his absence and sneak a look, so whenever he was out of the room, he covered the easel with a veil. Across the veil he threw a streamer bearing the inscription, “Wait and see.” *(Dynamic Preaching)***

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**With time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown. *(Chinese proverb)***

**THE PATIENCE PRAYER: God grant me patience . . . and I want it right now! *(Bits & Pieces)***

**“The problem with the word patience,” said Zen master Suzuki Roshi, “is that it implies we are waiting for something to get better, we are waiting for something good that will come. A more accurate word for this quality is ‘constancy,’ a capacity to be with what is true moment after moment, to discover enlightenment one moment after another.” *(Jack Kornfield, in Unity magazine)***

**I took my daughter, who was 12 years old, for a medical checkup. After waiting for two hours, we finally made it to the examining room but waited another 30 minutes for the doctor to appear. While examining my daughter, the doctor asked if she had shown any signs of going through puberty. “Yes,” I replied. “She went through it while we were in your waiting room.” *(Carole J. Hart, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Our real blessings often appear to us in the shapes of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience, and we soon shall see them in their proper figures. *(Joseph Addison)***

**It takes patience to appreciate domestic bliss; volatile spirits prefer unhappiness. *(George Santayana, philosopher)***

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**Wisconsin -- Sure, go ahead and order season tickets for the state’s beloved Green Bay Packers football games. The average waiting time, though, is 30 years, an NFL record. *(American Profile magazine, 2004)***

**24,000 people are on the Denver Broncos’ season-tickets waiting list. It could take 10 to 15 years before your number is called, Bronco officials say. *(Rocky Mountain News, September 14, 2007)***

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**The secret of patience is finding something else to do in the meantime. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Patience is the greatest of all shock absorbers. The only thing you can get in a hurry is trouble. *(Lord Thomas R. Dewar)***

**Agnes Nixon, creator of such soap operas as “One Life to Live” and “All My Children,” on the trick of spinning a good story: “Male them laugh, make them cry and make them wait.” *(People Weekly)***

**Patience is something you admire greatly in the driver behind you but not in the one ahead of you. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A thought to remember: It’s okay to wait for the Lord, but stay busy while you’re waiting. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**I am patient with stupidity but not with those who are proud of it. *(Edith Sitwell, poet)***

**Good week for patience, after an Australian website started transmitting text messages to Gliese 581 d, the closest planet outside our solar system likely to support life. Estimated delivery time: 20 years. *(The Week magazine, August 28, 2009)***

**I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end. *(Margaret Thatcher)***

**The two most powerful warriors are patience and time. *(Leo Tolstoy)***

**There, after the war, Gunther Gebel-Williams got a job as an usher with Circus Williams, run by master horse trainer Harry Williams and his wife, Carola. Impressed with the boy’s seriousness, Williams taught Gunther that unending patience was the secret of success in training any animal. Never strike a horse, Williams explained. Instead constantly repeat instructions, using rewards for accomplishments and mild rebukes for failure. Gunther also learned the value of consistency – presenting yourself every day to an animal the same way. *(John Culhane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Chinese typewriters have more than 7000 characters, positioned on a keyboard which may be more than one and one-half feet wide. The fastest anyone can type on these machines is 11 words per minute. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts)***

**A healthy male adult bore consumes each year one and a half times his own weight in other people’s patience. *(John Updike)***

**I sat impatiently at a walk-in clinic of a VA hospital, along with 20 or more veterans – some of whom had been waiting for hours to see the doctor. A nurse came out occasionally and announced the next patient’s name. At one point, she opened the door and called, “George Washington.” A voice was heard from the rear of the room, “See, I told you they were way behind.” *(Martin Upton, in Reader’s Digest)***

**My Favorite Saying: “Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.” *(Gordon Preiser, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

Patience! The windmill never strays in search of the wind. *(Andy J. Sklivis)*

**It is very strange that the years teach us patience – that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting. *(Elizabeth Taylor, novelist)***

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