

THE FRUITFUL LIFE

Longsuffering
Galatians 5:22-23

LONGSUFFERING

- Longsuffering is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that enables us to persevere under pressure.
- The capacity to endure the disappointments, and shortcomings of others.
- Longsuffering maintains the virtues of love, joy, and peace when faced with the pressures of wrong, mistreatment, or taxation.
- When pressed, longsuffering does not retaliate but rather addresses the underlying motivations of the soul.

ENEMIES OF LONGSUFFERING

- Being Self-Righteous-Luke 15:20-32
- Being Unmerciful-Matthew 18:21-35
- The Unwillingness to Wait on God-Genesis 16:1-6

THE LONGSUFFERING OF GOD

- God's longsuffering should lead us to repentance. -Romans 2:4
- God's longsuffering saves us from judgement. -Romans 9:22
- God's longsuffering changes our lives. -1 Timothy 1:15-16
- God's longsuffering gives us mercy for our sins. - Psalms 103:8-14
- God's longsuffering gives us salvation. -2 Peter 3:9

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF LONGSUFFERING

- Job-Job 13:15
- Joseph-Genesis 50:15-21
- Moses-Exodus 32:7-14

LONGSUFFERING LIVED OUT IN OUR LIVES

- We must exhibit longsuffering in our relationships.
- We must exhibit longsuffering within our church body.
- We must exhibit longsuffering during seasons of trials.

