

# The Fruit Of Longsuffering

*"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)*

Galatians 5:22 - \_\_\_\_\_ is a fruit we're supposed to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Longsuffering As An Attribute Of God

A. Vine: Longsuffering is the quality of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of \_\_\_\_\_; it's associated with \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God as longsuffering:

1. God reveals Himself to Moses:

a. Exodus 33:18,19 - Moses asked God to \_\_\_\_\_ him His \_\_\_\_\_ . God promised to \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ .

b. Exodus 34:5-7 - God proclaimed that He was " \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ..."

2. Psalm 78:38,39 - There were \_\_\_\_\_ times when God \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ away.

3. 2 Peter 3:9 - God isn't \_\_\_\_\_ , but is longsuffering toward \_\_\_\_\_ , hoping we'll come to \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Romans 2:4 - God's longsuffering helps to \_\_\_\_\_ people to \_\_\_\_\_ (and to life).

## Bearing The Fruit Of Longsuffering

A. Why we must be people who are longsuffering:

1. 1 Corinthians 13:4 - Paul's first description of \_\_\_\_\_ is that it \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Matthew 7:1,2 - Being longsuffering enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ others.

3. Ephesians 4:1-3 - Longsuffering is necessary if we hope to walk \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ and to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. The example of Barnabas and Mark:

a. Acts 15:38,39 - Barnabas was more \_\_\_\_\_ with Mark than was \_\_\_\_\_ .

b. 2 Timothy 4:11 - Would Mark have been \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ if Barnabas had not been patient with him?

B. Buffett has shown \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ sector, and is now one of the \_\_\_\_\_ men in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

Matthew 9:12,13 - We are the \_\_\_\_\_ in need of \_\_\_\_\_ !  
Otherwise, we'll be more like the \_\_\_\_\_ described here.

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