



Living Under the Influence

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Part one – Patience



I. INTRO

A. Under the influence part 2!

John 15:4-5 (NLT) ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

- The proof of our relationship with God is found in the fruit we display.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- Salvation is proof you're going to Heaven, Fruit is proof Heaven got into you.

B. Every harvest begins as a seed

1 Peter 1:23 (NIV) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

- The fruit of the Spirit isn't God asking you to become something you're not but instead it's trusting Him to develop what He already planted

II. THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE

A. Patience is the fruit that gives every other fruit time to grow

B. God always uses a process

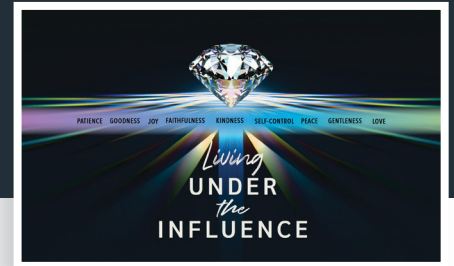
Isaiah 37:31 (NKJV) And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.

- Patience teaches us how to live between the promise and the fulfillment
- Somewhere between seed and harvest is a word most of us don't like: Waiting

C. Waiting and patience are not the same thing

Patient Waiting: The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Patience is: Confidence in waiting, trusting God when the promise hasn't arrived yet, believing God is working even when you can't see evidence of it



D. How you wait matters

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NLT) Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.

James 1:2-4 (NKJV) ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

- Waiting is God's classroom
- Waiting is worship
- Waiting is warfare

III. IT'S A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

A. Waiting **FOR** God, or waiting **WITH** God

- Nobody trusts a process if they don't trust the person running it.
- There is power in waiting

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.