

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

REFERENCE: FROM THE BOOK OF RICK WARREN

TITLE: 40 DAYS OF LOVE

SESSION TWO: LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND

KEY VERSE: LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 (NIV)

The Secret To Patience

You _____ with God

- **God's part is to provide the** _____.
- **Your part is to provide the** _____.

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials for we know that they are good for us – they help us learn to be patient. ⁴ And patience develops strength of character in us and help us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.

Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

THREE THINGS WILL HELP YOU RESPOND WITH PATIENCE

1. Discover a _____.

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.
Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

2. Deepen _____.

When you're filled with love, almost nothing will irritate you, but when you're filled with anger, almost anything will irritate you.

3. Depend on _____.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you
Will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.
Colossians 1:11 (NLT)

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The Secret To Kindness

Kindness is _____.

FOUR LESSONS FROM THE GOOD SAMARITAN

(Luke 10: 30 – 35)

1. Start _____ of people around us.

Kindness begins with the eyes.

When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him.

Luke 10:33 (MSG)

Why don’t we see the wounds of the people around us?

To be a kinder person, you must slow down.

Look out for the good of others also.

1 Corinthians 10:24 (NCV)

Rate yourself: Do I see the needs of others? (Sensitivity)

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| 1. I really need to work on this | 4. Often |
| 2. Rarely | 5. Everything is great |
| 3. Sometimes | |

2. _____ with people’s pain.

When he saw him, his heart was filled with pity.

Luke 10:33 (TEV)

Weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15 (TEV)

Sympathy begins with the ears.

Share each other’s troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ .

Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

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Rate yourself: Do I listen to the needs of others? (Sympathy)

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| 1. No, I don't pay attention at all | 4. Often |
| 2. Rarely | 5. Yes, I'm a good listener |
| 3. Sometimes | |

3. _____.

Kneeling beside him the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and
Bandaged them Luke 10:34 (TLB)

The good Samaritan did three things:

- He stooped down and got on the man's level.
- He used what he had (wine and oil)
- He dressed him with bandages (he tore up his own clothes)

The good Samaritan did what he could with what he had at that particular moment.

Never walk away from someone who deserves help, your hand is God's hand
for that person. Proverbs 3:27 (MSG)

Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.
Proverbs 3:28 (TEV)

To be a kinder person like the Good Samaritan:

- **You must be willing to be** _____.
- **You must be willing to** _____.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.
1 John 4:18 (NASB)

Rate yourself: How quickly do I respond to a need when I see it? (Spontaneous Kindness)

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| 1. I intend to do it but don't | 4. Often |
| 2. Rarely | 5. I act immediately |
| 3. Sometimes | |

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4. _____ whatever it takes.

There is always a cost to kindness.

34 Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, "take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here."

Luke 10:34-35 (NLT)

Kindness is doing something for somebody without expecting anything in return.

7 Share your food with the hungry and bring poor, homeless people into your own homes... 8 Then your light will shine like the dawn... 11 The Lord will always lead you. He will satisfy your needs in dry lands... You will be like a garden that has much water, like a spring that never runs dry.

Isaiah 58:7, 8, 11 (NCV)

The lord is merciful He is kind and patient, and his love never fails.

Psalm 103:8 (CEV)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever needed a "Good Samaritan" when you were hurting? Did anyone ignore your need and pass you by? What help did you receive?

2. Which was the greater risk for the Samaritan - helping in the immediate crisis, or coming back to follow up in a longer- term commitment? Why?

3. Pastor Rick compared our lives to a full cup. If a cup filled with coffee is jiggled, coffee spills out. What spills out of your life when you are “jiggled”?

Are you filled with patience or impatience? Kindness or indifference? What do your reactions to difficult people and situations reveal about the content of your character stuff?

4. What can you do to make sure you are filled with the right stuff?
