

# PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

*(Decisions made in positions of power)*

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Colossians 3:12

When you are in a position of power you are **NOT** in a position of need. People in positions of power should not make impulsive or rushed decisions. When a person sits in a position of power their decisions impact many people.

Making impulsive decisions will produce more damage and create more trouble. This is the weight people carry when they hold positions of power. **ONE** bad decision can produce a tornado of trouble in a city.

**ONE** careless decision can cause an uproar at the workplace. **ONE** rash decision can produce a cycle of pain for church members. **ONE** emotional decision can insight chaos within a country.

Unfortunately, people who are appointed to positions of power do not understand that **PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE** when they first get in power. They usually learn this principle **AFTER** something tragic happens.

## WHO YOU ARE NOT

When you sit in the seat of power you are not in need. You are not in lack. You are not a beggar and you are not a borrower. You are in **CONTROL!**

When you are in control your greatest asset is patience. The vision of an eagle is different from the vision of a(n) chicken. Chickens see things from the bottom. Eagles see things from the top.

When your perspective is driven from the bottom up your decisions will impact yourself. When your perspective is driven from the top down your decisions will affect others.

## THE PRESSURE OF BEING IN POWER

When you sit in the seat of power you will govern the lives of people who have a chicken perspective. Their inquiries will be focused on their selfish desire. Their ideas will be centered around their personal agenda.

People with a chicken perspective will always attempt to pressure the people in power to make an impulsive and rash decision. They will encourage you to move on your emotions. Chicken people will **NOT** consider the impact that your decisions will have on others.

As a leader it is important that you do not conform and surrender to the pressure of making impulsive decisions. Do not allow other people's emergency to become your urgency.

As a leader your job is to look at the whole picture. Your job is to consider the well being of the crowd, **NOT** the individual. This is when patience will become your virtue.

Colossians 3:12 says, "God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

When you sit in the position of power it is your obligation to cover yourself with the attributes that will enable you to make wise decisions and exhibit a righteous behavior. The people beneath you are depending on your wisdom to make their lives better.

The most effective way to do this is to be patient **BEFORE** you make a decision. Think before you act. See it before you do it. Hear it before you believe it.

As leaders your decisions can start wars or create peace. They can create happiness or stir up misery. They can bring trouble or produce victories. Being patient in the way you make decisions will bring goodness to your environment.

## HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- Before the boss hires a new employee he **TAKES HIS TIME** to make sure the person is the **RIGHT** fit so he can enhance the moral at the workplace.
- Before a single parent introduces the person they are dating to their children they **TAKE THEIR TIME** to make sure the person is a **GOOD** fit for the children, hoping it will establish an excellent relationship.
- Before a United States President signs an Executive order he **TAKES HIS TIME** to seek counsel from his cabinet to make sure it will benefit the country.

**GOOD LEADERS** know that making wise decisions is beneficial to **THEM**.

**GREAT LEADERS** understand that making **PATIENT** decisions is beneficial to **OTHERS**.

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