

Fruit of the Spirit (Part-04) - Patience

(Galatians 5:22-23)

I. Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

(a). Teacher illustratively *explains about the fruit of the Spirit to the children in interesting and attractive ways*

(b). Ask the children to mention the "nine types" of the fruit of the Spirit.

(c). The Fourth type of the fruit of the Spirit is PATIENCE. Proverbs 14:29 clearly describes the difference between patient and a quick-tempered man. A patient man will increase in understanding. Whilst, a quick tempered-man will only produce foolishness and feud.

(e). Teacher tells a story of Simeon and Levy who acted impulsively killing Hemor, Shechem his son and all males in the City of Shechem in return for Shechem's cruel and abusive treatment to Dinah, their only sister.

~ *What did Shechem do to Dinah, Simeon and Levy's sister? Genesis 34:2,13,31 (Answer Key: Teenager class: Sexually harassment/assault - Preliminary & junior Class: Shechem's unpleasant conduct against Dinah)*

~ *How did Simeon and Levy treat all the males in the City of Shechem?*

~ *What caused Simeon and Levy to commit such impulsive act? (Answer Key: Being impatient)*



Teacher shares their testimony on how to get patience into practice. What are the results of such practice?

(f). Lesson from the story of Simeon and Levy: when we easily lose patience, it may cause us:

(i). to become a quick-tempered person

(ii). to treat others in bad manners

(iii). to not rely on God

(iv). to not be blessed by God (Teacher describes the consequence of Simeon and Levy's impatient manner Gen. 49:5-7)

(g). Read memory verse (for older children: Ask them to write it on a piece of paper): Proverbs 14:29

"A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly. "

II. How to get Patience into practice?

(1). Trust that the Lord has made everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11)



Teacher shares their testimony on applying Ecc. 3:11 in waiting the answer of their prayers

* Teacher encourages the children to trust the truth written in Ecc. 3:11

(i). How should you behave if you cannot get the things you want right in time?

(ii). How would you behave if God has not answered your prayer after waiting for quite a while?

(iii). How should you do when you are waiting something to happen?

(2). **Be a Role Model James 5:10**

* You may become a good role model to others when you get patience into practice in your life

* God will certainly be highly honoured through the works you are doing on patience

* Patience will not delay your steps, patience will even make you aware of your own priority in life



Teacher shares their testimony on being a role model on patience

III. Class Creativity