

# City Hope 2009

## Love is Patient

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV)*

### Why is Patience so vital to LOVE?

Because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Because when I lose my temper,  
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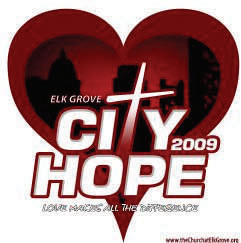
*But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)*

### 5 Secrets of Patient People:

#### 1. Revise my \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)*
- *A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)*

Patience = \_\_\_\_\_.



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#### 2. Resist the \_\_\_\_\_ of anger.

- *Don't hang out with angry people; don't keep company with hotheads. Bad temper is contagious — don't get infected. Proverbs 22:24-25 (MSG)*
- *And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8 (NLT)*

#### 3. Respond only after \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Answering before listening is both stupid and rude. Proverbs 18:13 (MSG)*
- *Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent. Proverbs 17:28 (NLT)*

#### 4. Remember my \_\_\_\_\_.

- *So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)*

#### 5. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ of patience.

- *Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone. Proverbs 25:15 (NIV)*
- *Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride. Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NLT)*

### SO WHAT?

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)*

There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ this week.