

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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Forbearance as fruit of the spirit.

Text: Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law

4. Forbearance as fruit of the spirit.

Forbearance is not a word that most of us commonly use.

Forbearance is(makrothumia) in Greek.

The Greek word is often translated using other words such as patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, longsuffering, and slowness in avenging wrongs.

The act of forbearing is PATIENCE

The quality of being forbearing is LENIENCY

Forbearance in law:

Forbearance was originally a legal term means "intentional delay in collection of a debt or enforcement of a contract, the expectation being that the other party will pay the debt or fulfill the contract."

Forbearance is the intentional action of abstaining from doing something.

In the context of the law, it refers to the act of delaying from enforcing a right, obligation, or debt.

Forbearance is refraining from the enforcement of something (such as a debt, right, or obligation) that is due.

The policy provides a means of forbearance for borrowers meeting certain criteria.

For example, a creditor may forbear legal action against the debtor if they settle the debt payment with new payment conditions.

What happen during forbearance:

Forbearance is when the company that manages your loan, or lender allows you to pause or reduce your payments for a limited period of time.





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Forbearance does not erase what you owe. You'll have to repay any missed or reduced payments in the future.

- Forbearance is a temporary postponement of loan payments granted by a lender instead of forcing the borrower into foreclosure or default.
- The terms of a forbearance agreement are negotiated between the borrower and the lender.

How long can forbearance last?

Homeowners with federally backed loans have the right to ask for and receive a forbearance period for up to 180 days—which means you can pause or reduce your payments for up to six months in a year.

What is the difference between forbearance and deferment?

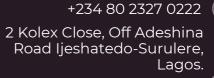
Both allow you to temporarily postpone or reduce your loan payments. The main difference is if you are in deferment, no interest will accrue to your loan balance. If you are in forbearance, interest WILL accrue on your loan balance.

- Why is deferment a better choice than forbearance?
- Student loan deferment is another way to temporarily postpone student loan payments.
- Unlike forbearance, interest doesn't continue accruing on subsidized federal student loans and Perkins loans. But other types of loans still accrue interest. If you're eligible, deferment is generally a better choice than forbearance.

Biblical Forbearance:

- Biblical forbearance means that we have to make a conscious effort to walk a long steps to resting in the patience that the Holy Spirit gives.
- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to withstand challenging situations with perseverance and endurance.
- The Greek root of this word relates to two words that mean long and passion. Through the Holy Spirit we are able to wait longer before indulging our passions-we become "long-tempered" rather than "short-tempered." Paul used this word when he was describing Jesus' patience with him.







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In 1 Timothy 1:15-16

"1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

VERSE 16, But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." NIV

1 Timothy 1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.NKJV

Like Paul, we have all from Christ's immense patience with us.

The evidence of the Holy Spirit in our life is also seen in our ability to persevere, be patience, steadfast and long-tempered.

Apostle Paul encourages us in Ephesians 4:1

NKJV: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

NIV: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

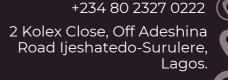
Ephesians 4:2 NKJV: with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

NIV: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Collosian 3:12-13 is one example: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another" (KJV). The New Living Translation words it this way: "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you."

God shows forbearance in that He holds back the judgment the world deserves: "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"







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(Romans 2:4, KJV). In this instance, forbearance refers to God's mercy, kindness, and longsuffering in delaying rightful judgment. Paul is warning mankind not to take God's delay in dealing with sin as a sign that He is uninterested or that man is innocent. Paul warns the moralist not to be hasty in judging others since God will judge everyone some day. The fact that God is so forbearing in judging the world should cause us to forbear to judge others.

Forbearance is a quality God holds in high regard. Whether manifest as patience, endurance, gentleness, tolerance, or moderation, forbearance is woven throughout the Bible (Proverbs 25:15; Ephesians 4:2). Several of the qualities listed as the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 have an element of forbearance reflected in them, including love, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, and self-control. God is patient, and He desires those who seek Him to be patient as well.

An oft-repeated command in Scripture is "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Isaiah 40:31). It could be that God requires us to wait upon Him in order to help us develop forbearance. When we've learned to wait upon the Lord, we find it easier to forbear with our brothers and sisters (1 Peter 3:8).