

Mercy, Patience and Difficult People

Miracle of Mercy – Part 5

“A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone...and be patient with difficult people.”

2 Timothy 2:24 (NLT)

Patience requires choosing...

...to look beyond the behavior.

“A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.” Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

...not to be so easily offended.

“Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.” Proverbs 16:32 (NLT)

...to cut others some slack.

“...Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

...to not gossip about it.

“Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.”

Proverbs 17:9 (NIV)

“Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.” Proverbs 26:20 (NIV)

...to take the high road.

“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse... Do not repay anyone evil for evil...do what is right... Do not take revenge... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:14,17,19,21 (NIV)

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12 (NLT)