

Patience's Value

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Ecclesiastes 7:8 *"The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."*

Solomon's approach in these verses is, patience is prudent in our dealings with others and circumstances. Solomon shows patience as a remarkable quality that brings us success in endeavors and favor in the eyes of others. We should never dismiss patience's value because it has definite spiritual significance.

Interestingly, Solomon compares impatience to pride. He perceives that the impatient arrogantly seize on something before its outcome is worked out, while the patient heeds to a thing to its end and is rewarded. Don't we experience this principle with God while He is working with us on a daily basis?

In **Proverbs 14:29**, a similar thought is: "*He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly.*" As these two proverbs and much more show, we should promote patience to show understanding and wisdom. Patience grows from a mixture of faith, hope, love, and self-control. Knowledge/wisdom produces success, and being successful in glorifying God is what life is all about. Praise the Lord!

At His service,
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