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Monday

2Chr. 7:14 If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land..

Anger, resentment, and fear seem to pervade the talk of politics and the nation. Christian people are quick to blame whomever is in the Whitehouse, Congress, or the Court. We must remember this truth, God's promise of blessing is conditional and rests upon the righteousness of *His people*. We do not need more government (or less)—we need revival in our land. We are not so much in need of good citizens as repentant Christians. If My People...humble...pray...seek My face...

Tuesday

Rom. 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

It is of God's character to be patient. If not, we would have been destroyed long ago. In His patience He waited for your initial repentance and in His patience He waits for your growth. Because of His patience with you He expects, even demands your patience with others. When you mirror His patience, you are proving yourself to be His child. If you are impetuously impatient with others, you are disregarding and disdainning His patience for you. Of all people, Christians should be the most patient. Pray to understand and remember how patient God has been with you.

Wednesday

John 15:4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

Root to fruit: that is the path of God's blessing. The fruits of the Spirit are not magically or miraculously imparted but are a result of the clear flow of God's 'DNA' moving from the root of the plant (God) to the branch of the plant (you) and then bearing the fruit of God's nature through you. It's *God's love, God's peace, God's patience...* These are available to you as you grow in Him, connected to His word and obedient to His voice. Don't look to gain patience by trying to work it out of your own effort, dig deeper in your walk with God. Connect with Him.

Thursday

Prov. 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

Believers understand that God's plan is better than the plans of man—not easier—better. It is better to love than to hate. It is better to have joy than anxiety. It is better to have peace than conflict. And it is better to have patience than to be impatient. It is not just morally better, but it is better for you. The outcome of patience in your daily experience is better than the outcome of impatience. Victory comes ultimately to the patient, defeat is the outcome of impatience. So pursue the patience of God by pursuing God who is patient with you.

Friday

1Tim. 1:16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Jesus is always demonstrating His perfect patience with you and me. How gracious He is in His perfect patience. Just as it is written, "For God did not send the Son into the, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already.