

# BIG WORDS IN THE BIBLE

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## #11 = LONGSUFFERING

2 Peter 3:9, 15

### WHAT IS LONGSUFFERING?

- *Longsuffering* = "To be \_\_\_\_\_; exhibit internal and external control in difficult circumstance; to demonstrate patience despite difficulties"
- In the Bible, longsuffering is often used in regards to dealing with \_\_\_\_\_.

### BIBLE TRUTHS ABOUT LONGSUFFERING

- 1. It is an attribute of God's \_\_\_\_\_.** (Ex. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Psa. 86:15)
  - a. We need to pay attention when the Bible tells us who God is.
  - b. These are verses about God's \_\_\_\_\_ and character. He doesn't just possess the trait of longsuffering; it is Who He is in His \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. It testifies of God's \_\_\_\_\_.** (1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Peter 3:9, 15)
  - a. Not only is longsuffering part of Who He is, it is also what He does.
  - b. God's longsuffering is an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. God suffers long with us because He loves us. Mercy is longsuffering in action.
- 3. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by God before He commanded it.** (2 Peter 3:9)
  - a. God showed us His longsuffering before He ever told us to show it to others.
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest example of longsuffering.
- 4. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.** (Gal. 5:22)
  - a. Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering..."
  - b. The Bible tells us where longsuffering comes from in us.
  - c. What is the fruit of the Spirit? It is the spiritual attributes of the Lord that the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ in you as you yield to Him.
  - d. Instead of simply trying harder, the Holy Spirit can produce longsuffering in you.
- 5. It should be practiced in our \_\_\_\_\_.** (Eph. 4:2)
  - a. This is showing us where to apply longsuffering.
  - b. When you talk to people, does your \_\_\_\_\_ communicate longsuffering?
  - c. When someone is sharing their heart with you, are you longsuffering?
  - d. When someone is consistently a "problem," are you longsuffering?
- 6. It should be \_\_\_\_\_ in us by others.** (2 Tim. 3:10)
  - a. Longsuffering is visible and it involves your testimony.
  - b. Proverbs 16:32, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."
  - c. Being short-tempered shows everyone else that you are out of control.
  - d. Lose your temper and you might just lose your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. When you exemplify longsuffering, you are giving the world a beautiful testimony of Who God is.

***Have you thanked God that He is longsuffering in your life?  
Are you \_\_\_\_\_ longsuffering in your relationships and to the lost?***