

# PATIENCE

## *Endurance, Forbearance and Waiting*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 3460 Patience is the key to contentment.  
Mohammed (570-632 A.D.)
- 3461 Patience is the art of hoping.  
Vauvenargues(1715-1747)
- 3462 Endurance is patience concentrated.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 3463 Patience is power; with time and patience the mulberry leaf  
becomes silk.  
Chinese Proverb

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 3464 The heavy is the root of the light.  
The tranquil is the ruler of the hasty.  
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 3465 Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.  
Rousseau (1712-1778)
- 3466 Patience is the support of weakness;  
impatience is the ruin of strength.  
Colton (1780-1832)

### 3. INSIGHT

- 3467 Patience is so like Fortitude, that she seems either her  
sister or her daughter.  
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 3468 The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.  
Ecclesiastes (B.C. 300?)
- 3469 Everything comes if a man will only wait.  
Tancred (1076-1112)
- 3470 How poor are they that have not patience!  
What wound did ever heal but by degrees?  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3471 Patience and time do more than strength or passion.  
La Fontaine (1621-1695)

3472 There is one form of hope which is never unwise, and which certainly does not diminish with the increase of knowledge. In that form it changes its name, and we call it patience.  
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

3473 On the whole, it is patience which makes the final difference between those who succeed or fail in all things. All the greatest people have it in an infinite degree, and among the less, the patient weak ones always conquer the impatient strong.  
John Ruskin (1819-1900)

3474 Patience, when it is a divine thing, is active, not passive.  
James Lowell (1819-1891)

#### 4. POSITIVE

3475 Every misfortune is to be subdued by patience.  
Vergil (B.C. 70-19)

3476 There is nothing so disagreeable, that a patient mind cannot find some solace for it.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

3477 There is no road too long to the man who advances deliberately and without undue haste; there are no honors too distant to the man who prepares himself for them with patience.  
La Bruyere (1645-1696)

3478 He that can have patience, can have what he will.  
Franklin (1706-1790)

3479 To know how to wait is the great secret of success.  
De Maistre (1754-1821)

3480 Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.  
Schiller (1759-1805)

3481 It is not necessary for all men to be great in action. The greatest and sublimest power is often simple patience.  
Horace Bushnell (1802-1876)

3482 If the single man plant himself indomitably on his instincts, and there abide, the huge world will come round to him.  
Emerson (1803-1882)

- 3483 Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.  
Disraeli (1804-1881)
- 3484 Patience with deserving ever winneth due reward.  
Tupper (1810-1889)
- 3485 Endurance is nobler than strength, and patience than beauty.  
John Ruskin (1819-1900)

## 5. NEGATIVE

- 3486 Just as too much charity is the handiwork of a fool,  
so too much patience is the hallmark of a coward.  
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)
- 3487 Patience, when too often outraged, is converted into  
madness.  
Valerius Maximus (fl. c. 20 A.D.)
- 3488 Extreme patience of long-sufferance, if it once come to be  
dissolved, produceth most bitter and excessive revenges.  
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 3489 That which in mean men we entitle patience, is pale, cold  
cowardice in noble breasts.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3490 For there was never yet philosopher  
That could endure the toothache patiently.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3491 Let us only suffer any person to tell us his story morning  
and evening, but for twelve months, and he will become our  
master.  
Burke (1729-1797)
- 3492 Patience - a minor form of despair disguised as virtue.  
Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914?)
- 3493 Perhaps there is only one cardinal sin: impatience.  
Because of impatience we are driven out of Paradise;  
because of impatience we cannot return.  
Franz Kafka (1883-1924)
- 3494 A little impatience...  
Big plans ruined.  
Chinese Proverb

**6. ADVICE**

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- 3495 When clouds form in the skies we know that rain will follow  
but we must not wait for it. Nothing will be achieved by  
attempting to interfere with the future before the time is  
ripe. Patience is needed.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 3496 Have patience and endure;  
this unhappiness will one day be beneficial.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 3497 It is best to bear what can't be altered.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 3498 What can't be cured must be endured.  
Rabelais (1490-1553)
- 3499 Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience  
with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own  
imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them -  
every day begin the task anew.  
Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
- 3500 If you'd learn patience superfine,  
Go you to fish with rod and line.  
Herbert (1593-1632)
- 3501 Beware the fury of a patient man.  
Dryden (1631-1700)
- 3502 Never cut what you can untie.  
Joubert (1754-1824)
- 3503 Adopt the pace of nature, her secret is patience.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 3504 There is no great achievement that is not the result of  
patient working and waiting.  
Josiah Holland (1819-1881)

**7. POTPOURRI**

- 3505 Wise to resolve, and patient to perform.  
Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 3506 My patience to his fury, and am arm'd  
To suffer, with a quietness of spirit,  
the very tyranny and rage of his.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)

3507 My soul, sit thou a patient looker-on;  
judge not the play before the play is done;  
her plot has many changes,  
everyday speaks a new scene,  
the last act crowns the play.

Shakespeare (1564-1616)

3508 With strength and patience all his grievous loads are borne.  
And from the world's rose-bed he only asks a thorn.

William R. Alger (1822-1905)

3509 So now in patience I possess  
My soul year after tedious year,  
Content to take the lowest place  
The place assigned me here.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

3510 Have patience as one who fears no failure, courts no  
success. Fix thy Soul's gaze upon the star whose ray  
thou art, the flaming star that shines within the light-  
less depths of ever-being, the boundless fields of the  
Unknown.

H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)