



# The **POWER** Of Love

## The Patience and Kindness of Love

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1. Discuss the different ways patience is encouraged in the following verses: Proverbs 14:29; Proverbs 15:18; Proverbs 19:11; Proverbs 16:32
2. Discuss the meaning of being “like-minded” in Romans 15:5. That is, what attitude does God want us to have toward one another?
3. What does Paul say the church at Corinth should have been characterized by in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?
  - Are these qualities evident in our churches today?
  - What does being “the elect” of God: have to do with our responsibility to be kind? (Colossians 3:12)
  - Should there be a difference in the way Christians treat others as opposed to non-Christians? Is there a difference?
  - How patient was God with humanity in the days of Noah? (Genesis 6:3) How patient has He been with us?
  - The Greek verb *makrothumeo* (“being patient”) is a combination of which two words? What can we learn about patience from this definition?
  - How has Christianity’s view on patience differed from those of other cultures in history? Is this applicable to our world today in any way?
4. Read and discuss the following Scriptures. What does each reveal about what it means to exercise longsuffering toward one another?
  - Colossians 3:12
  - Ephesians 4:2
  - Ephesians 4:32
  - Romans 12:17
5. What attribute of God leads us to repentance? (Romans 2:4) By which action did God demonstrate His kindness toward us?
  - Are we deserving of God’s kindness? (Titus 3:4-6) What does this tell us about the love of God?
  - What specific examples of kindness does Jesus provide in Luke 6:27-36?
  - Discuss ways that you could demonstrate Christ’s kindness in your workspace, neighborhood, or community.

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