

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—PATIENCE
vs.
WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS—
AGGRAVATION

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Patience:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of righteousness –Patience but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations that required patience since you began your study of this fruit of Righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of the self-righteousness—Aggravation:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of aggravation but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations in which you practiced aggravation in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of righteousness—Patience:

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in James 1:2-4.

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 1:2-4

My brethren, (count)_____ it all (joy)
_____ when ye fall into (divers)
_____ (temptations)_____
_____; Knowing this, that the (trying)_____
_____ of your (faith)_____
worketh (patience)_____. But let patience
have her (perfect)_____ (work)_____
_____, that ye may be perfect and (entire)_____
_____, wanting nothing.” James 1:2-4

6. Information Application: Please re-read James 1:2-4 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Romans 5:1-5

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Romans 5:1-5

*Therefore being justified by (faith) _____,
we have (peace)_____ with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into his
(grace)_____ wherein we stand, and (rejoice)
_____ in (hope)_____
_____ of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in
tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh (patience)
_____; and patience, experience; and
experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the (love)
_____ of God is shed abroad in our
hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:1-5*

8. Information Application: Please re-read Romans 5:1-5 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

9. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:29-32

*Let no (corrupt) _____ (communication) _____
_____ proceed out of your mouth, but that
which is good to the use of (edifying) _____,
that it may minister (grace) _____
unto the (hearers) _____. And grieve not the
Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all
(bitterness) _____, and (wrath) _____
_____, and anger, and (clamour) _____
_____, and evil speaking, be put
away from you, with all (malice) _____:
And be ye (kind) _____ one to another,
(tenderhearted) _____, (forgiving)
_____ one another, even as God
for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you..” Ephesians 4:29-32*

10. Information Application: Please re-read Ephesians 4:29-32 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

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Student Self-Evaluation

Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult situations that will give you opportunities to exhibit peace. While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or being overwhelmed in a way that may lend you to worry. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail and become overly concerned about God’s ability to work things out for our good. When we learn to yield to God’s power we will find it easier to remain at peace in difficult or even dangerous circumstances.

We have learned that when God acts, he responds in peace. When man acts in his own power he sometimes responds in worry. After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Patience.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of Self-righteousness—Aggravation.

How do you think you could forbear wrong for long, when your mind, will, and emotions scream out with aggravation?

Remember, trying harder to do better is not the right answer!

FOR THE GRADER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel that your student understands the meaning of the fruit of Righteousness—Patience and the devil’s offsetting work of aggravation?
Yes or No
2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:
Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak
3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with Patience when circumstances require long forbearance?
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Discretion? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way? _____

6. If no, what are your reasons? _____