

West Valley Church of Christ – June 14, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (5)

We all have something in common when it comes to the challenge of bearing the Bible fruit called patience. We share the challenge of being a patient people as the Bible defines patience. The fruit of the Spirit translated “patience” or “long-suffering” in Galatians 5:22 conveys the idea of endurance or perseverance. The Greek word for “patience” (MAKROTHYMIA) in Galatians 5:22 is also the same Greek word found in James 5:10 and give us a more complete picture of Bible patience. James 5:10, “Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.” James 5:7 speaks of the patience or perseverance of a farmer. The farmer cultivates and plants and is patient for the land to yield a crop. Waiting for the harvest does not mean they passively wait and do nothing. They stay busy doing the work that goes with farming while anticipating harvest time. James brings up the Old Testament man named Job as an example of perseverance. James 5:11, “As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” The fruit of the Spirit patience will sustain us through life's greatest challenges.

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