

Family Table Talk Guide  
Being Patient with Others  
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We know that we should be patient. Patience is a virtue. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. We should be patient... and why wouldn't we with the people we love the most, our family? Well, lots of reasons! Let's talk about that tonight! How to demonstrate patience in our lives especially before those we love the most!

Selected Readings:  
Colossians 1:9-14; 3:13; Psalm 37:1-8

*For Sharing...*

*Icebreaker Question:* What habit, mannerism or idiosyncrasy of your family members most drives you up the wall?

Question #1: Who has the most patience in your family? Who has the least? Why do you think this is?

Question #2: When do YOU see yourself losing your patience? Under what circumstances and with what people?

Question #3: What do you typically do when you see your patience slipping away?

- *Take a deep breath & hold it together?*
  - *Bit your lip & grit your teeth?*
  - *Wave it goodbye & let it blow?*

*For Your Table Group...*

Read Psalm 37:1-8

Question #4: What principles does Scripture provide us for how to hold on to our patience in trying times?

Question #5: Where have we seen Jesus showing great patience? How has God shown his patience with us... with YOU?

Question #5: What concrete, positive steps can you take in your family to help encourage patience at all times?

**Prayer:** Take prayer requests at your table and spend some time in prayer before closing.