

Patience: Taking the Heat

I Corinthians 13:4

Introduction: What is Agape?

1. The Meaning of the Word:

- “Patience”, “long suffering” - Makrothumeō
- “Makrothumeō” (much heat) vs. “hupomenō” (standing under)
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people
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circumstances
- “Makrothumeō” – to endure positively as opposed to despondency
 - self-restraint of the mind before it gives room to action or passion (see Isasiah 48:9)
 - allowing someone to be imperfect

2. Developing a Patient Attitude: Jesus and Peter

- Recognize that everyone is in process - John 1:42
- Balance affirmation challenge – Matthew 14:31
- Have realistic expectations of people – Luke 22:31, 34
- Focus energy on the problem not the person – Matthew 16:23
- Resort to prayer to combat the failures of another – Luke 22:32
- Recognize the power of patience (*Steady love is the thing that can change undesirable behavior*) John 21:15