**Patience**

**Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.**

***(Psalm 33:20)***

**But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;**

**they shall mount up with wings as eagles;**

**they shall run and not be weary;**

**and they shall walk and not faint.**

***(Isaiah 40:31)***

**And let patience be a perfect work,**

**That you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.**

***(James 1:4)***

**Be patient, therefore, beloved,**

**until the coming of the Lord.**

**The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,**

**being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.**

***(James 5:7)***

**Patience is a virtue in the world of baseball player development.  Since the advent of baseball’s amateur draft back in 1965 there have been only 17 players go directly from the amateur level to the big leagues, and they have had minimal success.  Six of the 17 didn’t even spend a full season in the big leagues. *(Tracy Ringolsby, in Rocky Mountain News, May 31, 1992)***

**Patience is a minor form of despair disguised as a virtue. *(Ambrose Bierce)***

**Liz: “I hate this waiting! Wait to see the doctor! Wait to take the tests! Wait to get the results! And all the while something deadly might be growing inside you!” Mom: “We’ll find out soon enough, Liz. You have to have patience.” Liz: “I just hope the cancer’s that patient!” *(Ed Stein, in Denver Square comic strip)***

**One young man came to work at Unity about the time of World War I. Brilliant and restless, at first it did not seem that he would be able to find a place in Unity where he could use his talents. Myrtle Fillmore, however, recognized that he was a gifted person and encouraged him to stay and to have faith that he would find in Unity the right avenue for the expression of his gifts. In 1924 this young man, Frank B. Whitney, encouraged by Myrtle and Charles Fillmore, brought forth Unity Daily Word, which has since become the most popular of all the Unity publications. He became the first editor of this magazine and one of the best loved of Unity’s writers. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity)***

**According to careful scientific measurement, almost 95 percent of an automobile’s mechanical engine wear occurs in the first ten seconds after the cold engine is started. Also, the gas mileage of an engine in the first few minutes after starting is less than a third of that of a warm engine. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s a Weird World, p. 19)***

**The inner man Governor William Floyd Weld of Massachusetts describes is drawn from his boyhood in Smithtown, N.Y., where the family estate covered nearly a square mile of central Long Island. The pond alone covered 200 acres. One day in the 1950s, young Weld set out to fish in one boat while his father and uncle were out in another. When a thunderstorm crackled, the two men returned to shore. “I stayed out for six hours,” Weld reminisces, “and when I came back, they said, ‘Boy, you must have been slaying them out there.’ I said, ‘No, I didn’t get a nibble all day.’ And they wouldn’t believe it. But nothing makes me happier than to be waiting and waiting for a fish to bite. *(Christopher Lydon, in New York Times Magazine)***

**Patience is also a form of action. *(Auguste Rodin)***

**Only with winter-patience can we bring the deep-desired, long-awaited spring. *(Anne Morrow Lindbergh)***

**60% of Americans say they can’t wait more than 15 minutes in a line before losing their patience. When put on hold on the telephone, 54% say they can wait no more than five minutes. *(Associated Press/lpsos, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 9, 2006)***

**One of the most difficult lessons for ambitious young people to learn is that when you try to make an impression that is the impression you make. Those whose center of emotional gravity is deeply embedded are willing to wait quietly in line until they are discovered. *(Sydney J. Harris, North America Syndicate)***

**We are told that the artist John Linnell was very sensitive about friends wanting to see a masterpiece he was working on before it was finished. He feared that some might come into his studio in his absence and sneak a look, so whenever he was out of the room, he covered the easel with a veil. Across the veil he threw a streamer bearing the inscription, “Wait and see.” *(Dynamic Preaching)***

**Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. *(Joyce Meyer, in Battlefield of the Mind)***

**Our real blessings often appear to us in the shapes of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience, and we soon shall see them in their proper figures. *(Joseph Addison)***

**Patience is bitter, but its fruits are sweet. *(Jean Jacques Rousseau)***

**Wisconsin -- Sure, go ahead and order season tickets for the state’s beloved Green Bay Packers football games. The average waiting time, though, is 30 years, an NFL record. *(American Profile magazine, 2004)***

**24,000 people are on the Denver Broncos’ season-tickets waiting list. It could take 10 to 15 years before your number is called, Bronco officials say. *(Rocky Mountain News, September 14, 2007)***

**Agnes Nixon, creator of such soap operas as “One Life to Live” and “All My Children,” on the trick of spinning a good story: “Male them laugh, make them cry and make them wait.” *(People Weekly)***

**Good week for patience, after an Australian website started transmitting text messages to Gliese 581 d, the closest planet outside our solar system likely to support life. Estimated delivery time: 20 years. *(The Week magazine, August 28, 2009)***

**I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end. *(Margaret Thatcher)***

**There, after the war, Gunther Gebel-Williams got a job as an usher with Circus Williams, run by master horse trainer Harry Williams and his wife, Carola. Impressed with the boy’s seriousness, Williams taught Gunther that unending patience was the secret of success in training any animal. Never strike a horse, Williams explained. Instead constantly repeat instructions, using rewards for accomplishments and mild rebukes for failure. Gunther also learned the value of consistency – presenting yourself every day to an animal the same way. *(John Culhane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Chinese typewriters have more than 7000 characters, positioned on a keyboard which may be more than one and one-half feet wide. The fastest anyone can type on these machines is 11 words per minute. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts)***

**A healthy male adult bore consumes each year one and a half times his own weight in other people’s patience. *(John Updike)***

**It is very strange that the years teach us patience – that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting. *(Elizabeth Taylor, novelist)***

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**Patience and time do more than strength or passion. *(Jean de La Fontaine, poet)***

**Do you have the patience to wait until your mud settles and the water is clear? Can you remain unmoving until the right action arises by itself? *(Lao Tzu, in Tao Te Ching)***

**My Favorite Saying: “Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.” *(Gordon Preiser, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**The two most powerful warriors are patience and time. *(Leo Tolstoy)***

Patience! The windmill never strays in search of the wind. *(Andy J. Sklivis)*