

## THE POWER OF PATIENCE

1Th. 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

- Some people are kind, polite, patient, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- I am extraordinarily patient provided I get my own way in the end.  
Margaret Thatcher
- If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.  
Chinese Proverb
- It is better to be patient, than it is to become one unknown

### TIMES FOR PATIENCE:

- When direction is not clear;
- When timing is not certain

### TIMES FOR IMPATIENCE:

- When comfort is needed;
- When a person is without Christ and you have an opportunity to help;

### In Thessalonica there were three groups that needed attention:

- The **disorderly**—those who are out of step like a marching soldier who is out of step. These were the fanatics, meddlers, and loafers.
- The **fainthearted**—the ones who worried about their departed friends and relatives or about their own spiritual condition.
- The **weak**—those who were characterized by a tendency toward immorality (4:1-8).

### Our response to working with those kind of people:

- Admonish, teach the disorderly
- Encourage the fainthearted
- Help the weak

There are two kinds of patience—Inactive and Active

- The inactive patience just waits on things to happen.

- Active patience is like a soldier who goes through all the difficulties that are required to endure a situation.
- Heb. 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- Heb. 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.