

# How Kept From Impatience After We Are Sanctified

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*Maintaining patience is crucial for a sanctified person, and it requires a deliberate and intentional effort to avoid furnishing impatience nourishment and to keep filled with Divine love to God and man.*

**Scripture:** John 14:15, Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 10:36, James 1:4, 1 Peter 2:21, Jude 1:24

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## Description

Milton Haney preaches about the importance of maintaining patience and avoiding impatience, emphasizing that impatience can only arise from the wrong use of sanctified faculties, not from inherited evils. He highlights the need for believers to cooperate with God's keeping power by actively avoiding sinful thoughts and actions, and maintaining a constant attitude against impatience. Haney encourages believers to reflect on God's patience with them as a model for patience with others, and to fill themselves with Divine love to displace impatience. He stresses the significance of trusting in God's promise of complete preservation from impatience, as a failure in this area can cast doubt on the truth of Christianity.

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## Transcript

We have seen that patience cannot have her perfect work in any human soul, till that greatest of all disturbing elements, the carnal mind, is destroyed within. It is true that not a remnant of impatience is left, when God wholly sanctifies. The office work of complete sanctification, is not to destroy any of our faculties, but to eliminate all antagonistic elements, and bring our powers where they will act in harmony with the will and attributes of God. If impatience or any other sin ever reappears, it will not spring from inherited evils, but from the wrong use of our sanctified faculties, as sin came in, in the first place.

Adam did not become impatient with his wife, because of an inherited sinful nature: he had no such nature, and never could have it. If his God-given powers ever became depraved, or sinful, it must have been by his own hand. Adam and Eve, both depraved themselves, by disobeying God, as Satan did in heaven, and both parties lost the likeness and favor of God, by their own action. There is no other way by which any completely holy soul, in earth or heaven, can ever become unholy, than by personal disobedience to God. If one act on the part of a holy angel depraved him through billions of years, when there was no sin in any form, any where, why should it be so difficult to understand how a wholly sanctified soul can corrupt himself and sin in a world full of wicked people and the air often pregnant with devils!

If Adam and Eve, spotlessly pure, could, and did sin (so far as we know), with their first temptation, why should it be so mysterious that sanctified people should yield to sin in their fortieth temptation, without the "old man," who was killed dead, destroyed, springing from the grave and forcing them into sin? No sanctified man falls through a return of his inherited depravity, but by his own act: nor does he ever have a return of the "old man," so-called because it came down from Adam. He may bring upon himself a depravity deeper, and more damning, than his inherited carnality: but this will be of his own manufacturing -- a new production of his own! There is no need of that contradictory statement with some of both our teachers and witnesses, that the carnal mind, the body of sin, the old man, was crucified, killed, dead, destroyed, when we were sanctified; and subsequently rose from the dead, came back into being and rules his subjects as before. There can be true of the devil when cast out, because he is a living personality, and has never been either dead, or destroyed; but cannot be true of an inherited sinful state. Any sinful act of impatience will produce depravity, but depravity is not needed to produce impatience. The glorious fact that God's work within, when He sanctifies you, puts you on the base of perfect patience, does not take away your power to again become impatient. Any trial, from any source, after sanctification, can be patiently borne, and thus be made a blessing; or it may be dealt with impatiently, and thus, bring damage to your soul. In God's economy trial is a great character builder; and is really indispensable to our best, and highest future. Such stalwarts as Job, Abraham, David, Paul, Luther, Knox and Wesley, are never produced, without severity of trial. But impatience ordinarily perverts the Divine design, and makes such moral manhood impossible. Impatience is a robber!

The keeping power of God, like His saving power, is predicated on the co-operation of our agency. God saves no sinner, who keeps on sinning. He keeps no man holy, whose ransomed powers are not persistently used to avoid all that is unholy. He cannot keep your thoughts pure, if you insist on entertaining impure thoughts, nor your heart pure, if you insist on looking at impure pictures. He cannot keep you honest, if you entertain dishonest propositions nor right, if you choose to do wrongly. God surely will not keep you in perfect patience, if you keep yielding to impatience.

We suggest on this most difficult subject: First; that you rightly and fully appreciate your locality in the moral and spiritual realm. Having been wholly sanctified, you are now in the way of holy obedience to God. Your whole past life of disobedience has been utterly and forever abandoned, and blotted out. God has not only canceled all your guilt, and put His life in you which hates sin and loves holiness, and cleanses your nature from all inherited defilements; but has taken you out of the spiritual realm where these things took place, and put you where you belong.

Christ said of all true believers, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Your former residence was the place of sin, this is the place of righteousness. That was the place of Divine condemnation, this of approval. That the place of darkness, this the place of light. That the kingdom of darkness, this the kingdom of His dear Son. That was the place of death, this the locality of eternal life begun. There, belong the unbelieving, disobedient, restless, impatient throng; here, the believing, obedient, loving, patient sons and daughters of light. Added to all this, the Lord having gotten you in His Own possession, has now carefully removed from your whole being every element out of harmony with His attributes and will, and so filled you with Divine love that you cannot be impatient without doing violence to both your condition, and its environments! So if you will but take time, when severely tried, to think of, and appreciate the good things God has put in your soul, and your heavenly relationships, impatience would seem abhorrent, and nothing would be in sight to become impatient about!

This sanctified state into which you have come, if rightly appreciated, is so like the mansion you soon expect to enter, that even a breath of impatience allowed, would throw a dark shadow into the holy of holies: and you could not allow it!

2. Secure and maintain an abiding attitude against impatience, as you do against lying, or any other known sin. A holy man rarely, if ever, does what his whole soul agrees not to do. The want of full decision against committing any sin, makes us an easy prey to the tempter. The concession that we must sin, is a sad rejection of Christ as a complete Saviour, and a practical signing of our own death warrant! A settled attitude against impatience, gives you the right to claim Christ as your continuous deliverer from its power, and without this attitude you never will be thus able to claim Him. It has always been impossible for any one to be kept from lying, while any door was left open to lie. Get the doors to impatience all closed, with the attitude that patience shall have her perfect work; and Jesus will be delighted to be your partner in the undertaking!

3. If you really expect impatience to remain dead, carefully avoid furnishing it nourishment. Millions of people pray for the death of sin, in many of its forms, who continuously put forth the efforts to keep it alive. The drunkard greatly desires freedom from his fearful appetite: but unceasingly keeps feeding it!

We never will be able to trust Christ to keep us from any evil that He sees we are feeding. (1) Avoid unnecessary exposures. Ordinarily, weak people incline to go where they will be overcome! Patient people instinctively avoid friction, while those who are impatient, desire contact with it. (This is an added mark of its Satanic origin!) How wise when conversation tends to friction between friends, to cease at once or change the subject. Why rush into the fire? When an evil party is known to have come for the purpose of stirring up bad feelings, how foolish to enter into altercations with him? Why not kindly and sweetly excuse yourself from contact with him, or if compelled to remain, hear in silence his bitter words, while you are insistently looking at Jesus? If the battle is only on one side, Jesus will see that your soul comes out without a scar. If that vile tongue has injected its poison into your beautiful spirit, so that you feel its bitterness, Jesus will see it is not your bitterness, nor you that is bitter, and your patience will be strengthened by the battle. If parties that trouble you are of your own household, insist on saying and doing nothing that you would not say or do, if you saw Jesus sitting beside you. Then, carefully follow up wrongs that have been done you, by special acts of kindness and a sweet spirit, ceasing utterly to feed impatience, and Jesus will make you a patient stalwart before He gets through with you.

(2) Avoid haste in speaking and action, when under trial. Hasty acts and words will keep impatience alive a thousand years! If of a nervous temperament, study always to act deliberately when tried. Persist in that process, till it becomes a habit. Never speak instantly when suddenly, or severely tried. Make no response to a bitter statement, till you have time for thought and a look at Christ. If any reply is needed, by that time, the Holy Spirit will give you the right thing to say. That will secure calm in a storm, and give a death blow to impatience.

(3) Avoid loud, sharp tones of voice, when under trial. Unholy anger fattens on loud talk, with a bitter tone. In some way, our own words have a tremendous power to mold our spirit. Wait till you are pretty certain something has to be said, and then say it slowly, and with a softened voice. That will tend to calm your own spirit, and compel your enemy to see Christ in you. If you had been in Jerusalem when Jesus was under trial and you had seen His eyes red with anger, His face red, and heard Him in loud, bitter tones of voice, responding to the abuse of His enemies, you never could have trusted Him afterwards!

(4) If you really desire to be patient with others, look well to your after thinking, concerning those who have tried you. If like other sinners, you insist on entertaining yourself with memories of their meanness, your impatience will scarcely need any further nourishment. But if when compelled to think of their trying demeanor, you insist on only seeing them through the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, your thoughts will be so softened and sweetened, that patience will be delighted to run in and stay with you!

4. My patience with others, has been greatly strengthened, by reflecting on the patience of God with me. I have rarely been treated so badly by human beings, as I have treated Him!!! Would it not be well to think of this, when we are all stirred up with our dear ones, over some petty little things we need not have noticed?

5. Carefully guard against the repetition of impatient acts. "I write unto you little children, that ye sin not: but, if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ, the righteous." In all cases where there is yielding to impatience, show the Lord quickly your detestation of the thing, and put it right under the blood. This will be pleasing to God, it will deliver you from evil consequences; and fortify your soul against after failure. Fresh wounds are more easily healed than old ones.

6. Keep so filled with Divine love, to God and man, that you will have no place for impatience. Displace the ugly thing, with the most beautiful commodity in earth or heaven. It will not be provoked, it will bear all things, it will keep you from doubting God, it will keep you from envy, it will make you a sample of long-suffering, it will preserve you from being rash; it will force you to seek the good of others, it will not puff you; it will load you with kindness, and never fail!

7. Let it be ingrained into your spirit, that God's keeping power is equal to His power to save. You know the completeness of the latter, why not now trust Him for completeness in the former? He has equally promised complete sanctification and complete preservation. I Thes. 5:23-24, Jude 1:1-24.

You have trusted Him for the one, now trust Him for the other. His best promises in both Testaments are a failure, if He cannot keep you from impatience; and no man can prove the Bible true, if these promises fail. If you meet His conditions, He cannot afford to let you fail! Your soul will conquer through the blood of the Lamb, and the word of your testimony, and in you, patience shall have her perfect work! The painful ills of ten thousand families would disappear if impatience were absent: but if entertained and exercised, it will weight your soul, and jeopardize the salvation of the family. No intelligent sinner can witness impatient conduct in any Christian, without compelling questions of doubt, as to the truth of Christ's religion! If fretting is sin, we cannot now be saved from all sin, and keep on fretting!

Holiness is the highest type of our Divine religion, and if its possessors have not the meekness and patience of Jesus, to whom shall we go, and where shall we look to find these graces? The Book teaches that he who has perfect love, is "as He is in this present world."

The eyes of a passion-enslaved race, are upon you brother, and if they see that you are free, there is hope: if not, what? Pasadena, California, September 14, 1910

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