

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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EP59

## The Leaders Dress

Code:

Patience

### FOR THE GROUP LEADER

These notes have been designed to disciple leaders in round the table small group discussions.

What is in *ITALICS* is meant to be read out loud.

*Welcome to this week's Mustard Seed Leadership discussion. The current series is "The Leaders Dress Code"*

### STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

*Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is "Patience" But before we start on the new topic, we will usually hold each other accountable about last week's action step.*

*Since this is the first in the series, let's go straight to the notes.*

## STEP #2: READ THE NOTES

**Option 1:** Let each person in the group take turns reading a section. (Each section is marked with a **READER #** ). Go clockwise starting with the Group Leader, and highlight or underline what catches your attention.

**Option 2:** The leader reads all the sections.

**Option 3:** Watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/ZbhCo4zMsKQ>

## READER 1

# ***THE LEADERS DRESS CODE***

## ***5. Patience***

***Romans 13:14 (NIV)*** “... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ...”

**Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV)** “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, **gentleness** and patience.”

**Def:** Greek (G3429 μακροθυμία) **makrothymia** means patience, forbearance, internal and external control in a difficult circumstance, where control could exhibit itself by delaying an action

**Example:** Not losing your temper, not interrupting someone halfway through a sentence, not taking back a task you have delegated.

**Love the old Bible translations that translate this word patience as ‘longsuffering’ - That’s what patience is - the ability to long suffer without complaining or giving up**

## READER 2

**Most leaders struggle with patience!**

- Want things done now
- Want to do things now

## **Best leaders work through people instead of doing everything themselves**

- That means relying on people
- That requires patience!

**Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)** “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

## **Sometimes if we are honest, impatience is a sign of arrogance and pride**

- “If I were doing it, it would be done by now”
- “Why are you so slow? What’s wrong with you?”

## **Before the command to be patient is the command to be humble!**

- Don’t compare others to yourself
- Love them!

### **READER 3**

## ***WHAT'S THE DANGER OF A LACK OF PATIENCE:***

**Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)** “We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”

**BIG IDEA:** *Patience is required to walk into your inheritance in God!*

**Example:** *Abraham became impatient and instead of waiting for the promised son with his wife Sarah, gave in to the idea of having a son with her maid-servant Hagar - Ishmael was born. Result was conflict and struggle.*

**Example:** *Moses became impatient with the people and their grumbling and so instead of speaking to the Rock to release water, he struck it with his staff. This cost him the chance of walking into the Promised Land!*

#### READER 4

**SOMETIMES WE GET IMPATIENT WITH GOD -**  
*why doesn't God do what He says when we want Him to do it!*

**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)** *“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”*

**Personal word:**

**WHEN I AM WAITING FOR GOD, CHANCES ARE THAT GOD IS WAITING FOR ME**

*- Waiting for me to REPENT so that I am ready to walk in that promise!*

READER 5

**CHALLENGE:**

**Example:** *Paul is an example of a leader who became patient with people because of his revelation of God’s patience with him.*

**1 Timothy 1:16 (NIV)** *“But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense*

*patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”*

***BIG IDEA: WE ARE PATIENT IN PROPORTION TO OUR REVELATION OF GOD'S PATIENCE TOWARDS US.***

***Imagine if God was as impatient with us as we tend to be with others?***

*“Thank you Lord, for your immense patience with me. Please help us Lord to have a revelation of your patience and reflect it to others!”*

### STEP #3: SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

*Now let's go around the group and take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. **What stood out to you and why?***

### STEP #4: EVALUATION

*I am going to ask each of you in turn to evaluate yourself (From a 5 which is **EXCELLENT**, down*

to a 1 meaning **LOTS OF WORK NEEDED!**) on how well you are doing in the area of this topic and then share this with the group and why you chose this score.

#### STEP #5: Application

***Lastly, let's go around the group and answer the following questions:***

- 1.*** If you had to give yourself a patience score out of ten, what would it be?
- 2.*** How patient does God have to be with you? Why?
- 3.*** Is your lack of patience by any chance a manifestation of pride? Do you feel it's too important to wait? Do you demand special attention? Are others incompetent compared to you?

#### CLOSING



A great way to close off is to pair up briefly for a moment of prayer. Pray for each other that you will succeed in your action steps. Thank everyone for coming and committing to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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