

THE PROBLEM OF IMPATIENCE

Genesis 16:1-6 Jeff Schreve

*I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope.
Psalm 130:5*

What does God want to teach us from the impatience of Sarah and Abraham?

1. Waiting on God is hard to do.

A. You must remember that God is good.

*Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children.
Genesis 16:2*

B. You must continue to claim His promises.

*Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel,
according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of
all His good promise, which He promised through Moses
His servant. 1 Kings 8:56*

C. You must know that He is testing your faith.

*And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has
led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble
you, **testing you**, to know what was in your heart, whether you
would keep His commandments or not. Deuteronomy 8:2*

2. Leaning on your own understanding is always wrong.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your
own understanding. Proverbs 3:5*

A. God's ways are beyond human understanding.

B. God's ways always involve the supernatural.

3. Acting out of impatience has serious consequences.

1. Your impatience gets you gets you out of God's will.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 NLT

2. Your impatience creates lasting difficulties.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Galatians 6:7

Will you determine to wait on the Lord?