

“Patience is hard to practice.”

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¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and,

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if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
—Colossians 3:12-14 ESV

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The Struggle

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“When you deal with human beings, you have to come to an ‘As Is’ corner of the universe. Think for a moment about someone in your life.

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Maybe the person you know best, love most.
That person is slightly irregular. That person comes
with a little tag: There's a flaw here.

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A streak of deception, a cruel tongue, a passive spirit,
an out of control temper—you may not see it.
It is there so don't be surprised.

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If you want to enter a relationship with this model,
there is only one way—"As Is."
—John Ortberg

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"Every one of us pretends to be healthier and kinder
than we really are; we all engage in what might be called,
"depravity management." —John Ortberg

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The Standard

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The Solution

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5 Steps for Developing Patience and Resolving Conflict
1. Step Down » *Choose Compassion Over Judgment*

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“We want others to judge us based on our best intentions while we judge them based on their worst actions.”

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5 Steps for Developing Patience and Resolving Conflict
2. Step Over » *Believe the Best About Others*

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3. Step Up » *Look in the Mirror*

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4. Step Back » *Manage Your Spirit*

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5. Step Aside » *Let God Work*

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¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

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²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. —James 1:19-20 ESV

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The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. —2 Peter 3:9 ESV

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