



**DEVELOPING A PATIENT HEART**  
**The Grinch: Enlarging My Heart - Part 3**  
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*I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. Psalm 119:32 (KJV)*

*Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do. Proverbs 4:23*

**Memory Verse**

*"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23*

**PATIENT HEART:** \_\_\_\_\_

*You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. James 1:3*

**I NEED A PATIENT HEART ...**

**1. WHEN I AM** \_\_\_\_\_

*So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. For when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything. James 1:4*

*...troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. Romans 5:3-4*

**My Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

God wants us to grow up ... like Christ in everything. Ephesians 4:15

**2. WHEN I AM** \_\_\_\_\_

*A fool gives full vent to anger, but a wise person quietly holds it back. Proverbs 29:11*

*I'm challenging you. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. Matthew 5:44*

**My Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11*

**3. WHEN I AM** \_\_\_\_\_

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28*

**My Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace. Philippians 4:6-7*

**4. WHEN I AM** \_\_\_\_\_

*But that is why God had mercy on me, so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him. 1 Timothy 1:16*

**My Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

*So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. Galatians 6:9*

**My next step today is:**

- Memorize Galatians 5:22-23.
- This week, I am praying for God to give me a patient heart in this area of my life: \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am willing to host a Winter 2007 L.I.F.E. Group in my apartment or home (January- April) - Meet in the Activities Center NOW!
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