
Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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Joshua 1:5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

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On Your Own:

___ Read Matthew 18:21-35

___ Memorize Romans 12:12

— ___ This week pray for God to give me a patient heart in this area. _____

- Year End Giving.
 - a. Online at pacificchruch.com
 - b. Bring it by the church office.
 - c. Mail it by the 31st.
- Christmas Eve Service: 5:00 PM

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Developing a Patient Heart

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas--part 2

December 9, 2012

■ *Psalms 119:32 I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart! (ESV)* ■

■ *Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* ■

4 Lines We Need to Stand In

1. The Growth Line.

■ *Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³ for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.* ■

2. The Obedience Line.

Deuteronomy 32:46 "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law.

Numbers 32:23 "But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out."

3. The Difficult People Line.

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:29-30 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused."

4. The Loss Line.

Pain is the "great" justifier of sin.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fail to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" spring up and cause trouble, and by it the many become defiled;
