

**hefWe want what we want and we want it now!**  
**So a question...now...or not at all?**

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In our interviews the last few days (which have been wonderful by the way) a number of missionaries asked about having more patience.

We live in a very “immediate” time in the history of the world. We have fast food, instant messaging, movies and entertainment on demand (most of it is rubbish BTW) and immediate answers on-line for most questions, profound or inane.

As a result, we find that even a little wait can create stress and anxiousness and somewhat irrational feelings of failure.

President Uchtdorf teaches that:

Patience, defined as – the ability to put our desires on hold for a time – is a *precious and rare virtue*.

Because we have come to expect immediate response, the very idea of patience may seem unpleasant and at times even bitter.

Nevertheless, without patience, we cannot please God; we cannot become perfect (complete). Patience, you see, is a purifying process that refines understanding, deepens happiness, focuses action and offers hope for real peace.

I hope that you see the depth of this divinely inspired explanation of this virtue and that those truly determined to progress towards a celestial self must learn to practice.

Elder Uchtdorf continues his teaching by explaining that:

Patience isn't merely waiting. Patience is not passive resignation nor is it failing to act because of our fears (of failure). Patience means *actively waiting* and *enduring*. It means staying with something and doing all that we can – working, hoping, and exercising faith, bearing hardship with fortitude, even when the desires of our hearts are delayed.

Patience is not simply enduring...it is ENDURING WELL.

So, to the question, how do we gain patience? We don't quit, we stay with something to the end. Delaying the immediate for future blessings.

Do you see the role of faith in gaining patience? As we learned of faith, it is seeking and submitting to his will, regardless.

I promise that patience with the language, with your companion, with your investigators, with members and yes, even with your President...will bring greater blessings than settling for the temporary satisfaction of an immediate reaction.

Try waiting, listening, seeking to understand and the result has a much greater chance of being a blessing.

We love you...patiently at times...and know that if we keep at the hard things, great blessings await.

President and Sister Gwilliam (one of the most patient people I know!)