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Acts 25

Continuing our discussion on patience, we can learn a lot about the topic from the story of Paul's trial. Instead of letting his accusers stir him up, the apostle patiently went through the legal process. He refrained from attacking the opposition or decrying the injustice of the charges. And eventually Paul's peaceful manner won favor with the governor and earned him a hearing for the gospel (Acts 25:24-25).

We need the Lord's help to grow in patience like Paul. This will involve our ...

• **Thoughts.** We should try to shift our attention away from circumstances and onto our heavenly Father. His Spirit will help us gain the right perspective.

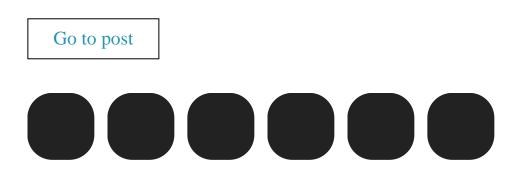
• **Emotions.** When we notice negative feelings, it's good to pause and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our reactions. Then we can request that He empower us to respond in a godly manner.

• **Speech.** Pray for self-control over your tongue. A timely word can defuse a situation (Prov. 15:18).

The Lord will answer our prayers and provide what we need, just as He did for Paul when the apostle faced Festus and King Agrippa. Despite the injustice of those situations, Paul remained unprovoked. Imagine what God will do through you as you grow in the virtue of patience.

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