

I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

- Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
- Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

III. PERSONALIZATION

A. Embrace the patience of God by meditating on how it is revealed in these verses:

- He is patient → therefore I am a display of His patience to others: 1 Tim 1:16 NAS-- Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.
- He is slow to anger → therefore I can always count on His unfailing love: Ps 145:8 NLT-- The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
- He is faithful → therefore I am safe to fail: Ps 103:8 TV-- The Eternal is compassionate and merciful. When we cross all the lines, He is patient with us. When we struggle against Him, He lovingly stays with us—changing, convicting, prodding
- Insights:

B. Learn to have patience with God by meditating on the principles below:

1. You can trust God to bring a good harvest whenever you sow patiently:
 - Gal 6:9 NLT-- Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
 - 2 Tim 1:12-- I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day.
 - Heb 3:12-14 Phillips-- Be most careful, my brothers, that there should not be in any of you that wickedness of heart which refuses to trust, and deserts the cause of the living God. Help each other to stand firm in the faith every day, while it is still called "today", and beware that none of you becomes deaf and blind to God through the delusive glamour of sin. For we continue to share in all that Christ has for us so long as we steadily maintain until the end the trust with which we began.
 - Jm 5:7-8 MSG-- Wait patiently for the Master's Arrival. You see farmers do this all the time, waiting for their valuable crops to mature, patiently letting the rain do its slow but sure work. Be patient like that. Stay steady and strong. The Master could arrive at any time.
 - Ps 126:5-6 TV--Those who walk the fields to sow, *casting their seed* in tears, will one day tread those same long rows, amazed by what's appeared. Those who weep as they walk and plant *with sighs* will return singing with joy, when they bring home the harvest.
 - Insights:

2. There are great spiritual benefits that come from waiting on God:
 - Growth in intimacy in intimacy with God: Jm 1:12 MSG--Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.
 - Tests and proves our faith: 1 Pt 1:7--The genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ
 - Maturity: James 1:4 TLB-- When your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.
 - The pressure refines us: Job 23:10 AMP—He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous].
 - Works surrender in our hearts: Mt 26:39--He fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
 - Makes us teachable and humble: Ps 25:3-5-- Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You *are* the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.
 - Makes the longed for thing sweeter: Adam naming the animals made his first glimpse of Eve even more fantastic! (Gen 2:19-23)
 - Inner strength: Is 40:31 NAS-- Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.
 - Gain a testimony of overcoming: Ps 66:8-12 MSG--Bless our God, O peoples! Give him a thunderous welcome! 9 Didn't he set us on the road to life? Didn't he keep us out of the ditch? 10 He trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires, 11 Brought us into hardscrabble country, pushed us to our very limit, 12 Road-tested us inside and out, took us to hell and back; Finally he brought us to this well-watered place.
 - Promotion in the Kingdom: Ps 105:16-21 NLT-- He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply. 17 Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them -- Joseph, who was sold as a slave. 18 There in prison, they bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. 19 Until the time came to fulfill his word, the LORD tested Joseph's character. 20 Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. 21 Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household
 - Receive the promise inherent in these Scriptures. Apply them to any places where you are waiting, believing that God has more in store for you than just a resolution to your issue. Pray and praise as you wait. Be sure to keep a record of His faithfulness and tell others of all that He is doing!
 - Insights:

C. Continue to get in touch with your human spirit and exercise its faculties this week by applying these principles:

1. Maintain connection with God by applying “The Middle of the Page” listening exercise whenever you sense distance between you and Him: “Is there anything causing separation or disconnection between us right now, Lord?”
2. Practice receiving and welcoming a particular Fruit of the Spirit every time a negative thought or emotion confronts you. Ask the Holy Spirit what He wants to be TO you in that moment. Receive His provision. Then ask Him to be that same thing THROUGH you to the people and circumstances involved.
3. Deepen your intimacy with God by rejoicing in Him. Take time each day to offer Him thanksgiving and praise.
4. Throughout your day take the opportunity to enjoy God’s presence. Go to your Secret Place to connect with Him spirit-to-Spirit anytime, anywhere.
5. At the beginning of your day, take a few minutes to connect with God:

Pr 8:34 NAS--Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts.

- Start with a Scripture, reading for content. Soak in the words and images for a few quiet minutes.
- Pray the passage back to God. Ask Him to strengthen your spirit with His Holy Spirit so that your spiritual eyes and ears are doing the listening and watching.
- Take a moment to capture your experience on paper. If you desire, draw out more richness by journaling your impressions and thoughts.