

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Patience

Proverbs 19:11 ❖ Galatians 5:22d

*“O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim.”*

(Barbara Hart, 1965)

A Story for Father’s Day (Mark 5:21-43)

Jairus was one of the **rulers** of the synagogue in Capernaum, an office similar to a ruling elder in a Presbyterian Church.

How does Jairus demonstrate that he considers his most important responsibility to be that of a father?

Jairus’ daughter is **deathly** ill. She is only **twelve** years old and according to Luke 8:42 is his **only** child.

What happens that delays Jesus?

The woman in the crowd had seen many **doctors** and spent all she had. She had been bleeding for **twelve** years.

What’s significant in Jesus asking, “Who touched My clothes?”

Jesus, the woman and Jairus exhibit a lot of **patience**.

What message does Jairus receive and what does Jesus say?

At Jairus’ house, Jesus says the girl is not dead but **asleep**, and they **laughed** at Him.

What two things does Jesus do to heal Jairus’ daughter?

When she stood up and walked around, **Jesus** told them to give her something to **eat**.

Jairus’ **patient** trust in Jesus paid off.

Takeaways

The woman patiently **sought** Jesus so He could heal her. The father patiently **sought** Jesus so He could heal his child. Are you patiently seeking Jesus for healing - both for yourself and for your family?

“A man’s **wisdom** gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense” (Proverbs 19:11). How patient are you with “delays”?

The woman **touched** Jesus, He **spoke** to her and she **spoke** to Him. The father **spoke** to Jesus, and He **spoke** to Jairus. Jesus **touched** the girl and **spoke** to her. How intimate is your relationship with Jesus?

A Father’s Day Prayer

Father in Heaven, thank You for our fathers. Thank You for their love, care, wisdom, and patience and for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. Help us to forgive them for their shortcomings and to acknowledge that You are the only perfect Father. If they are still with us in this life, strengthen the relationships our fathers have with You and with their families. Bless their work and their leisure. Fill their days with satisfaction, their nights with peaceful rest and their lives with the presence of Your own Holy Spirit. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.