

**Oh Lord, Grant Me Godly Patience
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Patience teaches obedience.

Patience makes publication a possibility.

3 ways to shorten your wait time:

- 1. Get yourself organized.**
- 2. Get yourself a team.**
- 3. Get yourself the heart of a student.**

Patience in the silence.

Patience through rejection.

Patient communication.

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Six Ways to Stay Busy While Practicing Patience

- 1) Read more. Especially the Bible. Especially authors you enjoy. Here's a secret, read more than one book at a time. It's allowed. Really. That's what I've done for years. I also read books backwards but that's another story. And you know, if you don't like a book you don't have to finish it. I used to think it was impolite to stop reading something that I found poorly written or unedifying. Like the admonition to eat everything on your plate comes: "Finish that whole book. Just gag it down!" ☺ I don't worry about such niceties now.
- 2) Write more. Start a blog. Send someone a letter or a card. Use your gifted way with words to minister to people who don't have much company or many caring friends. Teach a writing class to some kids at the local library or from church. Journaling is another avenue for writers to keep thinking and writing each and every day. It's a great way to speak about your thoughts and concerns. And if you date your entries you will be amazed to see what God has pulled you through, carried you through, and done for you.
- 3) Share more, care more, love more. Tell others about what Jesus has done for you. Let them know more about our Savior and how much he loves you and how He died for your sins to give you new life in Him. He is truly the answer we all seek.
- 4) Walk more, exercise more, learn to juggle or jump rope, or run a muddy obstacle course. It's never too late.
- 5) Cook more, make cookies and brownies together, knead some bread. Eat a slow meal together far from the big-screen TV.
- 6) Get creative! Make music more, take up a new musical instrument, learn sign language, take a dance class with someone you love or someone you've never met before.

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