

THEME: SEVEN DEADLY CONTROLLERS

TOPIC: THE CONSEQUENCES OF IMPATIENCE

TEXT: ROMANS 8:5-8, PSALM 37:7-8, ECCLESIASTES 7:9, JAMES 1:19-20

Introduction

Following on from our exploration and consideration of “What is Impatience & Why are people impatient?” This week we will explore more closely “What are the consequences of Impatience”.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF IMPATIENCE?

1. Impatient people are short tempered and easily irritated. **Proverbs 16:4**

Once a person engages their mind and imagination towards their desire they become impatient, ruthless and rude towards anyone they consider an adversary, a hindrance or a stumbling block on the way to their gratification.

Absalom could not wait. He possibly could have been the one who would be chosen by God to replace David. He became impatient, rebellious, wanted his father’s throne, accolade, respect and even his father’s wives. So what he did not qualify for, he tried to get by force. He slept with his father’s concubines, raised an army to dethrone his father and turned his father’s counsellors against him.

2. Impatience can easily cause a man to make mistakes. **Proverbs 7:23**

3. Impatience sometimes makes people to cut corners because of a lack of desire to help. Once such people become impatient with somebody else, they do not want to reach out to love and pull other people up. They are short fused with everyone around them. **Proverbs 28:22**

4. Impatience can cause people to go for something too soon. The man who is impatient will make a lot of mistakes in his transactions; and if there are documents related to the purchase of a car, a house, a business etc. and he does not carry out due diligence to be very careful and very sure of what he is about to get into, to ensure it does not have a massive hole or some indebtedness that was undeclared. But because he wants this business, this house, that car so badly, he does not want to wait.

5. Impatience can make mistakes abound. **Proverbs 19:2**

6. Impatience will increase your lack of concentration on details. Once you are impatient, you are unable to scrutinise, see and read between the lines because you want a thing so badly. How many people have signed contracts out of excitement without reading the small print?

7. Impatience makes you annoying to others because while you only see your ambition, they see your emotion and sometimes are unable to stand it. Impatience can be seen as self-focussed. It is that which makes you to direct all your energy at what you want to achieve without consideration for other people and how they feel.

8. It results in a major personality flaw. **Ecclesiastes 7:9**

Imagine Jephthah in Judges 11, the judge, who because he was finally given recognition vowed to sacrifice the first thing that comes out of his house. Had he been patient, he would have thought through before he made a commitment. His daughter came out and he had no choice but to keep his vow.

9. The impatient can be arrogant and insensitive. The impatient are not good listeners. Not everyone is quick witted, sharp and able to move fast. Not everyone has the skills and abilities of Solomon. Not everybody has the strength of Samson. Some people require extra attention and patience in being dealt with. They are not deficient; they are just gifted in other areas.
10. The impatient does not know that particularly pushy people push other people. This makes the impatient to look uncivil, and their actions unsocial.
11. Impatience breeds revenge. **Ecclesiastes 8:3**
12. If the impatient person does not get what he wants, he then becomes impatient towards those who have not given him what he wants.
13. Being impatient can make you miss out on a blessing if you do not wait patiently for the appropriate time, for the right season to come. **Psalms 37:7**

CONCLUSION

Impatience can cause stress and anxiety, it can lead to poor choices, **Exodus 32:1-4**.

Impatience can lead to disobedience, causing one to miss out on God's blessings for their life **1 Samuel 13:11-14**.

Impatience unmanaged becomes a bigger problem and in due course of time, it creates a world of challenges. The actions of the impatient become shallow, his behaviour antisocial, his sensitivity to the Spirit is absolutely not there. He ends up developing an evil eye. **Proverbs 29:20**.

Impatience may cause you to rush ahead and take matters into your own hands, even when you know it's wrong. Patience helps you to wait for God's promises and plans to unfold, rather than trying to force things to happen ahead of schedule.