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**CHEAT CODES | MARCH 15 - 21, 2023**  
**PATIENCE MATTERS.**

*Trust God from the  
bottom of your heart;  
don't try to figure  
out everything on  
your own.*

*Listen for God's voice  
in everything you do,  
everywhere you go;  
he's the one who will  
keep you on track.*  
Proverbs 3:5-6 MSG

### >> MARCH 15

Listening for God's voice can be hard at times, but this Scripture passage reminds us that God is ready to lead us in everything we do! Take some time to really lean in and listen to what God may be saying to you.

To memorize this verse, write it on a sticky note and put it somewhere that you see every day or keep it on your lock screen. Seeing these words often (or better yet—memorizing them!) will be comforting as they help us remember that God is near to us and guiding us wherever we go.

*The end of a matter  
is better than its  
beginning, and  
patience is better  
than pride.*

Ecclesiastes 7:8 NIV

### >> MARCH 16

When you're in the middle of a tough situation, nothing feels worse! You just want it to be over, don't you? Well, Scripture reminds us that in order to get through a difficult situation, we have to have patience. Reaching the end and resolving a difficult situation requires the kind of patience that only God can give.

Today, memorize this short verse. And when you find yourself struggling through a tough situation in the days ahead, reflect on this verse and call on God's patience to get you through to the end.

*Therefore, as God's  
chosen people, holy  
and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with  
compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness  
and patience.*

Colossians 3:12 NIV

### >> MARCH 17

As you get dressed and ready for your day, take a few minutes to think about what you're putting on. In the same way you put on clothes, you also have the chance to put on the qualities of Jesus that will help you with the day ahead. Putting on the patience of Jesus will help you when you're facing a difficult or challenging circumstance. And the more of His patience you choose to have each day, the better you'll be able to handle whatever is in front of you.

Think about the things you have going on today. Ask God to help you have patience like Jesus to help you with anything you have to face in the day ahead.

*I waited patiently for  
the Lord;  
he turned to me and  
heard my cry.*

*Psalm 40:1 NIV*

## >> MARCH 18

Are you waiting for an answer to something? Big or small, when you're waiting on something, it isn't easy. And waiting patiently? Well, that's even harder to do! What's awesome is that Scripture reminds us there's a reward in our waiting. While we may not know how things will turn out, we can be sure that God will hear our cries and be with us in our waiting. When we look to God, we'll be gifted with more patience than we ever imagined possible!

What are you waiting for in your life right now? Big or small, take it to God. Tell God what you're waiting for, ask for patience to help you, and thank God for hearing your cries.

*Be completely humble  
and gentle; be patient,  
bearing with  
one another in love.*

*Ephesians 4:2 NIV*

## >> MARCH 19

Who is the most patient person you know? How do you know that they're patient? Maybe it's the way they show you grace when you do something wrong. Or it's the way they speak with gentleness even when they're annoyed. No matter how their patience shows itself, it impacts your life for the better, doesn't it? When other people show us love through their patience, it points us toward the patience that Jesus shows us, too.

Think about a person who is patient with you no matter what. Write them a note or have a quick conversation to thank them for their example of patience. Let them know that you appreciate the way they show you love with their patience.

*But the Holy Spirit  
produces this kind of  
fruit in our lives: love,  
joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness, and self-  
control.*

*Galatians 5:22-23 NLT*

## >> MARCH 20

Think about somebody who tests your patience. Now think about this definition of patience: Patience is taking a second to step into the other person's shoes. So take a second and think about why they're acting in a way that pushes your buttons. There's always more under the surface that can be hard or even impossible to see.

If someone is rude to you in public, they could be having a particularly bad day. If someone talks your ear off about things you're not interested in, it could be that you're the only person in their life who listens to them.

We don't have to worry about getting our patience tested, because God's Spirit will meet us there and help guide us through the situation if we ask.

*We wait in hope for  
the Lord;  
he is our help  
and our shield.*

*Psalm 33:20 NIV*

## >> MARCH 21

Waiting is hard, but did you know there are ways to make your waiting better? When you invite God into your waiting, you're no longer waiting on your own. And more than that, you're waiting alongside the One who can help you, protect you, and give you hope. You're waiting with the One who can give you patience to get through it.

So as you find yourself waiting on anything—waiting to get picked up from school, waiting for a friend to text you back, or waiting to know what grade you got on the big test—try this: Worship while you wait. Connect with and worship God in your own way to remember that God is helping you have patience in your waiting.