



Answers to Tough Questions: How to Get Along with Difficult People?

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I Thessalonians 5:14

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 - In the Bible, “patience” is translated “forbearing, enduring, persevering.” The idea is to bear with someone; enduring life’s challenges. It means slow to get mad; the opposite of having a short fuse—Long suffering.