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" ... the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit".

Ecclesiastes 7:8

"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him ..."

Psalm 37:7

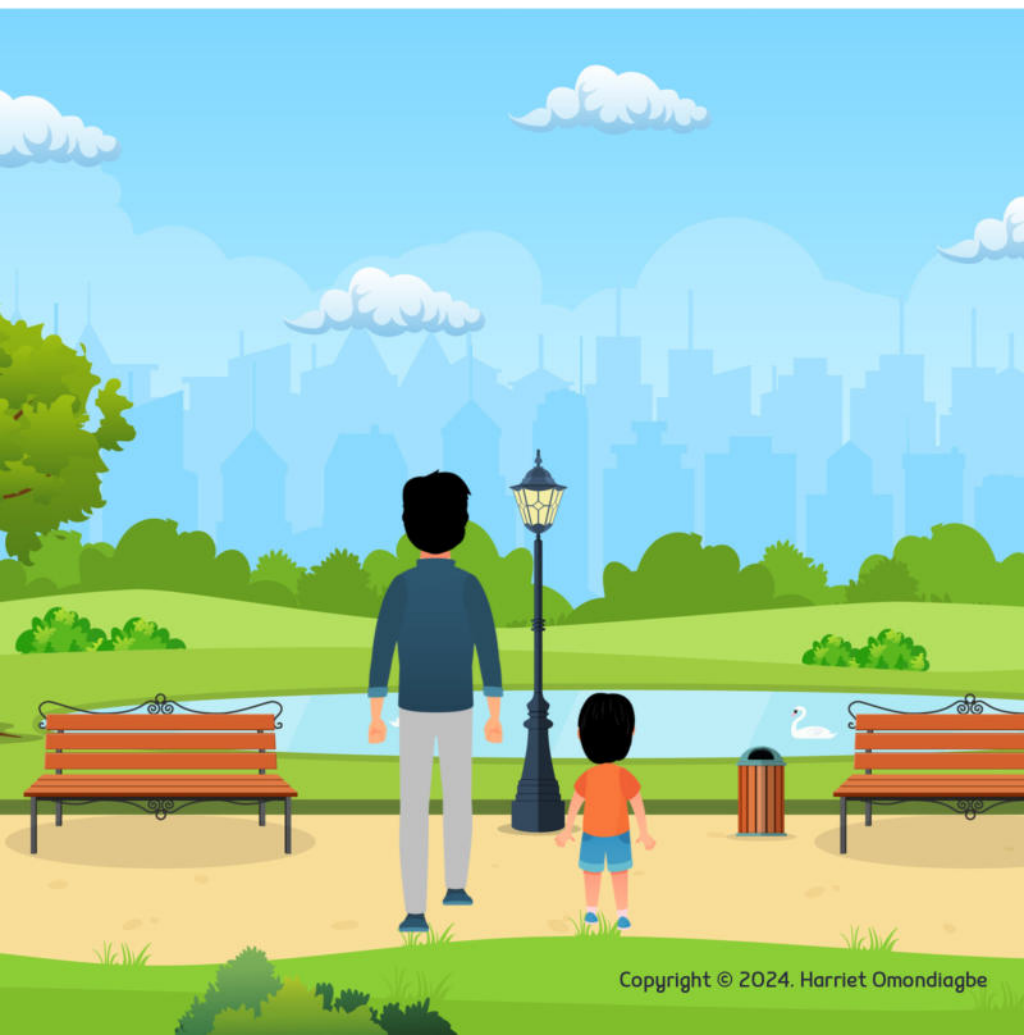
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I do not like waiting for anything or anyone.

But Mum and Dad said that it is good to be patient.

If I were not patient, I could hurt myself or other people.



Last week at the shopping mall, Mum got me a new set of building bricks. As soon as she paid, I turned to her and asked, “Can I please hold the box?”

“Of course. Please, be careful with it,” she replied, and gave the box to me.

I couldn't wait to see what the building bricks looked like, so, I started to twist and bend a corner of the box.



“Come on, Michael, I want to get home in time to prepare for dinner,” Mum called out. I was walking slowly behind her as I focused on opening the box.

I did not see the woman in the wheelchair coming towards my direction. I heard a soft beep, I was startled and accidentally dropped the box right in a stranger’s wheelchair!

“Oh, I am sorry,” I said to the woman.



Mum turned around and quickly tried to help the woman. She spoke to her briefly and gave her a big hug. She took the box from me, and we walked to the car park.

“Michael, I know you are eager to see your building bricks, but you can wait till you get home before you open the box. You could have badly hurt that woman in the wheelchair,” she explained.

“I am sorry about that Mum. I will wait to get home before opening the box,” I said.



Later that evening, Mum called us to the dining table for dinner.

“Let us give thanks to God for this meal,” Dad said.

I was feeling very hungry, and the food looked delicious. I could not wait for Dad to finish praying before I took a tiny bite.

Dad caught me.



“I think it’s time for a W.O.B. question,” Dad said.  
“That means *Which One is Better* question. Oh, I love those!” I replied.

“So, which one is better - to give thanks before eating or to eat without giving thanks?” Dad asked.



“Well, it is better to give thanks before eating”  
I replied.

“Great answer, Michael! We give thanks before we eat. It is a good thing to say thanks to God for giving us food to eat and water to drink,” Dad explained.

“OK, Dad. I will wait for us to give thanks before eating next time,” I said.

“Well, we can start eating now,” Mum added.



The next day, Dad wanted to speak with one of my uncles on the phone. He asked me what I wanted to do while he was on the phone.

“I will draw some pictures and colour them while you make your call, Dad,” I told him.



“That’s a good idea. I might be on the phone for about four minutes. Here, these sheets of paper should keep you busy. I will not be able to attend to you while speaking on the phone, so, if you need anything else, please wait till I finish my conversation,” Dad explained.

“That’s not a problem, Dad,” I said, and dashed off to start drawing.



Later, Dad walked in. “Wow, that looks beautiful. Can I see it?” he asked.

“Sure, here it is,” I said, and handed him the sheet of paper.

He looked at my picture and turned the sheet over to the other side.

“Where did you get this paper from?” he asked.

“I took it from your table. I wanted to ask you for more sheets of paper, but you were still talking on the phone,” I explained.



“Michael, I asked you to wait for me. This paper is an award from your music instructor. I just got it in the mailbox this morning and was going to tell you about it,” Dad explained.

“I am sorry Dad,” I said, feeling sad about my impatience.



“It is OK Michael. Waiting can be hard. Sometimes, I find it hard to wait too. But when I remember that God wants me to wait, and that He can help me to wait, it becomes a little bit easy,” Dad explained.

“In Lamentations 3:25, the bible says that the LORD is good to those who wait for Him. God loves you and knows what you need. He can help you learn to wait if you ask Him,” Dad concluded.



“I am happy to know that God loves me and can help me learn to wait. Can I ask God to help me now?” I asked.

“Of course,” Dad replied.

“Dear God, thank you for loving me. Dad said you can help me learn to wait if I ask you.

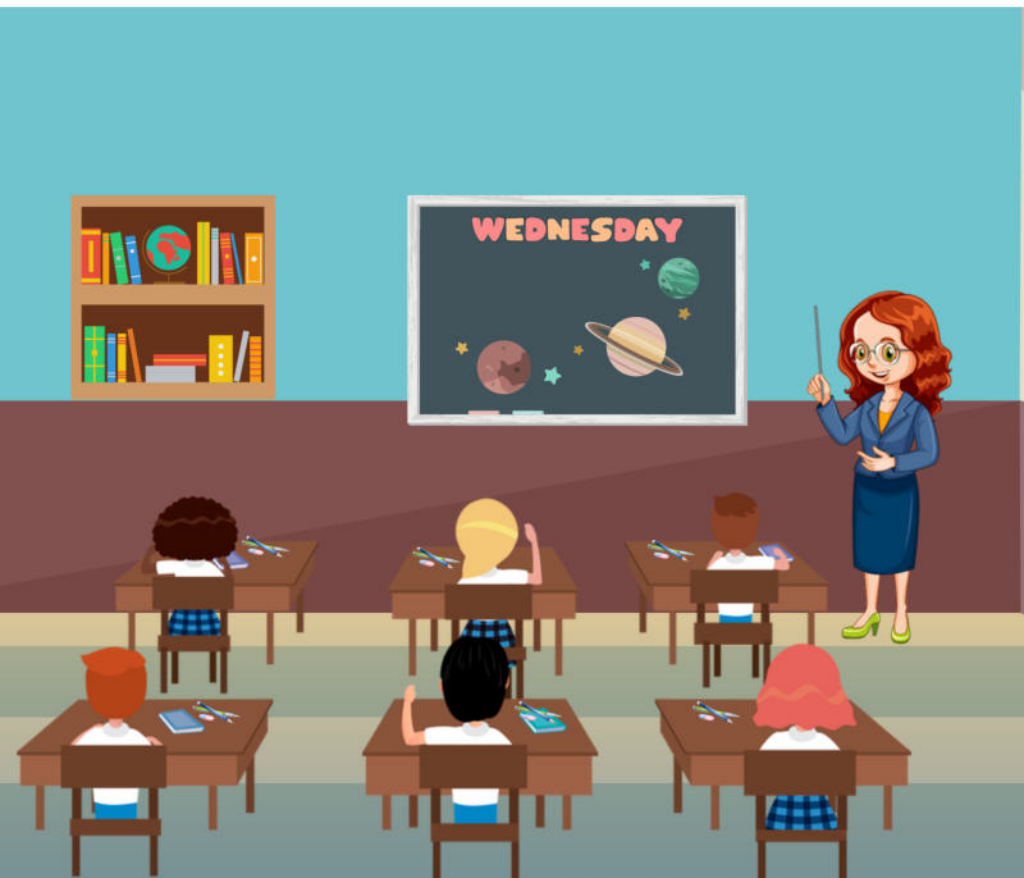
I am asking you now, please, help me to be patient. I ask for this in Jesus’ name, amen!



The next week at school, Miss Marvis asked the students in my class a question: “Who can tell me three things that make the planet Mars special?”

I knew the answer. I was about to open my mouth to speak. Then, I remembered Dad’s voice, “*God can help you learn to wait if you ask Him.*”

I raised my hand and waited for Miss Marvis to call my name.



## **About the book.**

Michael does not like to wait for anything. But he often hurts other people and even himself by not being patient. Like the woman in the wheelchair? What about rushing to eat dinner? Did Michael ever learn to be patient?

The book, *God, Help Me To Be Patient*, is one of the books in the “God, help me series”. This book aims to encourage children to be patient. Waiting can be hard but with the help of God, it can be done.

## **Other books by the author.**

1. Dear God, Your love is the best!
  2. My emotions and God
  3. I can praise God
  4. ABCs of nighttime talk with God
  5. Not disabled
  6. Looking for Larry
  7. Skateboard Pride
  8. No hat, no play
  9. Mr. Denver needs a helping hand
  10. Beth's graduation speech
  11. No drama on Saturday
- ..... and many more!

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