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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Rom. 15:5-6** *May the god Who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. (NIV)*

The Lord is the One Who gives us endurance and encouragement through His Spirit. Not only does He bestow this upon His children, but He also gives us a new mind or attitude. The Greek word is **phronein** which means to have the same thoughts as He has. Paul puts it this way in **Phil. 2:5** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. (NIV)* When we are patient with each other, we are displaying the attitude of Christ that He has for us. Aren't you glad that He is so very patient with you?

As the Holy Spirit leads us, we will become more and more patient and less likely to lose our temper and lash out towards others because we will realize that life is really not about us, it is about Him and bringing Him glory.

Now notice Paul says that we are to have one mind and one voice. This is the picture of a complete joining of mind, will and emotions. We begin to be filled with His wisdom. We will choose to walk in obedience, and we will love others like He loves us. And when this happens as the body of Christ, we then glorify the LORD because others see Him in us. They experience His unconditional love. They see the difference between existence and real and abundant life. It will be so noticeable, that they will be drawn to the LORD like a moth to the light. They will not be able to deny Who You are LORD. They will desire Your presence and Your love.

**Dear LORD, thank You for endurance, for encouragement, for patience in affliction and for Your unconditional love. Help us model these things to our families, our friend, our co-workers and to anyone else You put into our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen**