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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Opening prayer / praise reports
- Introductions
- Today's topic: **Growing in Patience in an Increasingly Wired, 24/7 Culture**

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus...” Romans 15:5

Patience = capacity for waiting; the ability to bear burdens without grumbling; to endure waiting, delay, or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset; to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties.

In our culture, successful leaders have a reputation for being hard-charging, results-oriented, get-it-done, hyperactive Type A personalities. Among secular leaders, patience can be perceived to be a weakness. Yet, the Christian approach to leadership should exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, which includes *patience*.

From the passage above, we discover that patience comes from God Himself, Who is the epitome of patience. Were it not for His enormous patience, we'd all be toast. So, as we mature and grow in Christlikeness, He wants us to be patient with Him, ourselves and others. After all, love is patient!

Now, think of the foundation and walls of your organization through the prism of patience:

- Core purpose
- Strategic & Tactical Plan
- Research & Development
- Sales, Marketing, Customer Service
- Human Resources
- Production
- Finance & Accounting
- Administrative & Legal
- Facilities

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of patience.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by becoming more patient?										
What specific actions can you take to become more patient?										

- Next meetings: November 15 dinner and November 16 breakfast with Terence Chatmon
- Upcoming events
- Closing prayer