A Garden That Teaches

An old man who was always in his garden was asked by his 4-year-old grandson why he loved gardening so much.

"I love it," he said, "because my garden teaches me so much about life."

"Like what?" the grandson asked.

"Well, like good things take time," said the grandfather. "My garden has taught me how to have patience."

"Wow!" said the 4-year-old with excitement. "I can't wait until I have patience."

That story is similar to another I heard in which a very busy man asked God, "Lord, give me patience, and give it to me now."

Most of us are like that. We live in a microwave, fast-food generation in which everything is hurry-up. We get so busy rushing from one appointment or chore to another that we fail to enjoy the journey that life presents.

Remember: God's timing – not ours – is perfect. Let's learn to slow down and let Him lead the way.

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