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Many character traits exist in the world today. However, one of them is sometimes neglected. The trait most neglected is patience. Patience is a feature that goes unnoticed in everyday life because many people do not understand the importance or the definition of it. The definition of Patience is the ability to accept and/or manage every day obstacles in life. This definition defines patience because it promotes having the right attitude for problems that may occur. One may show patience by the way he/she handles problems at school, home, and to others.

One may demonstrate patience through actions he/she performs in the school environment. Patience is of the most importance when difficult school situations occur. For example, if one were to encounter a bully problem at school, he/she, instead of getting involved with the bully, could wait and let problems work themselves out. When the bully realized that his “prey” was not responding to him, he/she would stop harassing the victim. Patience can resolve some of the biggest problems one may have. If one uses the attribute well, his/her school life would be a lot more peaceful. Just as one can show patience in school, one can also demonstrate it at his/her home. Patience can make home life easier and it can give one a good relationship with his/her parents and/or siblings. If one were to demonstrate patience to his/her family, the family would appreciate him/her more. For instance, if one’s parents or siblings were to do something that would make one angry, instead of showing the anger he/she could be patient and work out the situation. The outcome of showing patience to one’s family members by politely sharing his/her feelings is a great reward. One will acquire the respect of his/her family.

Not only can one show patience in the home, but patience can also be found in others. No one person shows patience better than my friend Duey. Duey Skinner has a disease which causes him to twitch uncontrollably; he has lost control of his muscles. Duey has been forced to give up many of the dreams of a normal teen. For instance, my friend can never drive a car, and he must always live everyday as if it is his last because it very well could be. Duey demonstrated patience better than any person I know. Instead of being angry at his disease and at the others around him, he accepts his fate. Just because he can not control his muscles, he does not give up. Duey is patient with himself and tries to find other ways to deal with his condition.

If Duey and the people like him can show patience, why then can the rest of us not? If the people in the world today would learn to take an insight on how good their lives are, violent outbursts in schools, separation of parents in homes, and other acts showing lack of patience would be very minimal. One must realize that patience is not an attribute that can go unnoticed because if it does, the good in people may cease to exist.