



PRAY and PRAY Again!

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LUKE 18:1-8

Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up. "There was a judge in a certain town who didn't fear God or respect people. And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

"For a while he was unwilling, but later he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, so that she doesn't wear me out by her persistent coming.'"

Then the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his elect who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay helping them? I tell you that he will swiftly grant them justice. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Jesus is telling us that we need to Pray and Pray again, never giving up taking our needs to Him.

Prayer should be like _____ for the Christian.

"God is not bothered by our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all."
- D.L. Moody

The unjust judge did not WANT to hear the needs of the widow, even though it was his responsibility.

Verse 2 says: "There was a judge in a certain town who didn't fear God or respect people." The WIDOW was _____ to the judge.

When Jesus asks at the end of **verse 8**, "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" He means, will _____ find that His _____ have kept _____ and _____, or have they given up?

It seems to me that _____ and _____ go together, good or bad.

Without persistent prayer, our _____ becomes lukewarm!

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth.” Rev 3:15-16

Without _____, prayer becomes _____ more than a ritual that we _____.

Persistent Prayer, is an expression of faith in which we ask God to intervene for us in a circumstance in our life and with the understanding that God in His perfect plan WILL ANSWER, even if the answer is NO.

THINK OF PERSISTENT PRAYER THIS WAY:

“A few snowflakes falling on your face will make it wet;
A few thousand snowflakes can bring the traffic of a busy motorway to a stand-still.”

Our _____ should not be _____ to unimportant matters.

³ And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

We _____ a _____ who is able to do the _____!

BUT when is the last time you prayed for something that seems impossible?

We should regularly pray prayers that are so BIG that only God can accomplish them.

So in our parable: The Judge did _____ want the widow to come to him, but God _____ you to come to Him.

Questions to ponder:

1) **How’s your prayer life?**

2) **If God answered all your prayers this week, would it just change you, or would it change the world around you for The Kingdom?**