

The Parable of the Persistent Widow - Luke 18:1-8

Topics: Faith, Faithfulness, Justice, Perseverance, Prayer

Open It

1. In what circumstances is persistence beneficial?
- * 2. When was a time your persistence paid off?

Explore It

3. What was Jesus' purpose in telling His disciples this parable? (18:1)
4. How did Jesus describe the judge in the story? (18:2)
5. Why was the woman in the story especially helpless? (18:3)
- * 6. What did the woman need from the judge? (18:3)
- * 7. Why did the judge finally give in to the woman's request? (18:4-5)
8. Why should we take note of how the unjust judge responded to persistence? (18:6)
- * 9. How will God's actions differ from those of the unjust judge? (18:7)
10. What can Christians expect from God? (18:7)
11. What promise does this parable offer to Christians? (18:8)
12. What did Jesus ask about? (18:8)
13. To what kind of faith did Jesus refer at the end of this passage? (18:8)

Get It

- * 14. Why do people stop praying?
- * 15. What does it mean to be persistent in our prayers?
16. How should we respond when we do not see our prayers answered?
17. How can we be sure we are praying for things that are within the will of God?
18. What can Christians do to increase their trust in God's desire to answer prayer?
19. What does this parable teach you about what your prayer life should be like?
20. How do your prayer habits need to change?
21. What justice do you need to see administered in your life or the lives of others?
22. How can you guard against the temptation to give up praying when you do not see immediate results?

Apply It

23. What changes in your daily routine can you make that will enable you to pray more persistently?
- * 24. For what need or concern will you commit to praying persistently?
25. What fellow believer could you ask to hold you accountable for praying more persistently?