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The Persistent Plea



Luke 18:1-8

Series Summary

Jesus was a master storyteller and often he would illustrate a Kingdom principle or one of life's "Big Lessons" in the form of a short story known as a parable. Join us in this series as we learn some of God's most valuable lessons to help us understand the depth of God's love for the wayward, wounded, and persistent.

Main Text

Luke 18:1-8 (ESV) – ¹ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ² "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!' "

⁶ Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Big Idea – The Winning Formula of Persistent Prayer: Pray, Trust, Wait...Repeat

Three Lessons from the Persistent Plea

Lesson #1 – The Principle = Choose to be Tenacious and Tireless in Your Pursuit of God

Luke 18:1 (ESV) – ¹ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

Quote – The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us but that we will finally hear Him!

Micah 7:7 (ESV) – As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

Lesson #2 – The Value = Persistent Prayer Produces Fruit of Boldness, Endurance, and Determination

Luke 18:2-5 (ESV) – ² "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!' "

Lesson #3 – The Blessing = Be Patient and Trust the Lord...He Will Prevail Over Your Opponents and Obstacles

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Quote – The very invitation to pray implies that there are blessings waiting for us at the mercy-seat. – Charles Spurgeon

Memory Verse

Proverbs 8:17 (ESV) – I love those who love me, and those who search for me find me.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.