

DON'T GIVE UP -- LOOK UP!
Encouraging Words from God's Word - Part 1 of 6

Luke 18:1 "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

I. THE STORY OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

Luke 18:2 "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men."

Luke 18:3 "There was a widow in the town who kept coming to him with a plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'"

Luke 18:4-5 "For some time he refused, but finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me I will see that she gets justice.'"

Luke 18:7 "Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you He will see that they get their justice and quickly."

The Point: God wants to _____.

II. WHY KEEP ON PRAYING WHEN THERE'S NO ANSWER?

PERSISTENT PRAYING...

1. _____.

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 105:4 "Look to the Lord. Go to Him for help."

2. _____.

Zechariah 13:9 (GN) "I will test them as gold is tested. Then they will pray and I will answer them."

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

3. _____.

Ephesians 3:20 (LB) "Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of -- infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes."

4. _____.

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!"

Luke 18:8 "... when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

III. HOW TO PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Luke 11:9-13 "So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks, receives. He who seeks, finds. And to him who knocks, the door will be open. Which of you fathers if your son asks for fish will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you're evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

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