

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

The Persistent Widow
Luke 18:1-10

Luke 18:1-3

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

He said, “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary!’”

Deuteronomy 1:16-17

Hear the cases between your brothers and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him.

You shall not be partial in judgement. You shall hear the small and great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone for the judgement is God's.

Luke 18:4-5

For sometime he refused. But finally he said to himself, “Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice so she won’t eventually come and attack me!”

Luke 18:6-8

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And 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 justice and quickly.
However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

Psalm 116:1-2

I love the Lord, for He
has heard my voice - my
appeal for mercy.

Because he has inclined
His ear to me, I will call
on Him as long as I live.

Why is Jesus giving us this
parable?

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his
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them that they should
always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:8

**However when the
Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on
the earth?**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1. It's Personal

James 4:8

Draw near to God and
He will draw near to
you.

2. Prayer is a weapon

1 Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

James 5:16

**The prayer of a
righteous person is
powerful and effective.**

3. It helps us discern
the will of God.

John 10:27

My sheep know my
voice and I know them.
They follow me.

Matthew 26:39

**My Father, if it is
possible, may this
cup be taken from
me. Yet not as I will,
but as You will.**

Pslam 27:14

**Wait on the Lord; be
of good courage and
He shall strengthen
your heart. Wait I say
on the Lord.**

4. It helps to forge our
Spiritual Character.

Romans 5:4

Perseverance produces
character and character
produces hope.

5. Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. And
the peace of God which
transcends all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

Encouragement and a Challenge

Ephesians 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times
and on every occasion. Stay
alert and be persistent in your
prayers.

