

# Persistence In Prayer

*"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength." Isaiah 40:29 (New King James Version)*

To find \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayers, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ to praying.

## Jesus Teaches Persistence In Praying

A. Luke's introduction to Jesus' parable:

1. Luke 18:1 - The point is that men \_\_\_\_\_ ought to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - The command to \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ means that prayer should be a \_\_\_\_\_ part of our life.
3. Luke 18:1 - If we don't pray \_\_\_\_\_, we'll \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The parable and its explanation:

1. Luke 18:2-5 - The \_\_\_\_\_ didn't \_\_\_\_\_ man, but he helped the \_\_\_\_\_ because she came to him \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Luke 18:6-8 - \_\_\_\_\_ is not like the \_\_\_\_\_, but looks at us as His \_\_\_\_\_. But it takes \_\_\_\_\_ on our part to \_\_\_\_\_ out to \_\_\_\_\_ day and night.

## Persistence Is Often Stressed In God's Word

A. More teaching from God's word on persistent prayer:

1. Genesis 32:11,28 - \_\_\_\_\_'s name was \_\_\_\_\_ because he \_\_\_\_\_ with God and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Matthew 15:22-28 - When the \_\_\_\_\_ woman first made her request, Jesus said \_\_\_\_\_. When He spoke, He sounded \_\_\_\_\_. But her \_\_\_\_\_, commended by Jesus, led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of her daughter.
3. Luke 11:5-8 - Because of his \_\_\_\_\_, the man was given the \_\_\_\_\_ for which he asked.
4. Jesus Himself was persistent:
  - a. Luke 22:42-44 - Jesus prayed more \_\_\_\_\_, but He also asked that God's \_\_\_\_\_ be done, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Hebrews 5:7 - Jesus' prayer was \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
5. Hebrews 11:6 - We must have \_\_\_\_\_ that God \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ seek Him.

B. James 5:7 - Just as a \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_, so must we.

Isaiah 40:29-31 - Those who \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be given \_\_\_\_\_. If we pray \_\_\_\_\_, we won't \_\_\_\_\_.

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