

Persistent Prayer

Sunday Morning, September 6, 2015

Introduction:

I. There Are Great Opportunities Through Persistent Prayer!

(Luke 11: 5 – 8)

5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

7 and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?

8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

God wants us to be persistent in prayer and diligently seeking Him!

II. God Gives Us Good Things Through Prayer (Luke 11: 9 – 13)

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Ask - Request, Petition,
Demand = something must be done!

Seek - Search For, Desire

Knock - Determination, Beat Door With A Stick
To Gain Admittance

Persistence - Greek = Shameless

(Matthew 7: 11 – 12)

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

† God Gives The Holy Spirit To Anyone Who Asks

† God Gives Good Gifts To Those Who Ask

Likewise, share the Gospel and do good to others.

III. Persistency in Prayer Gains Favor From Jesus! (Luke 18: 1 – 8)

1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'
4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,
5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"
6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.
7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?
8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

- ✝ The Persistent Widow Cried Out Day and Night
- ✝ God Love Us, Unlike the Unjust Judge.
How Much More Will God Respond in Better Ways to Our Persistent Prayers?
- ✝ The Persistent Widow Had Great Faith!

(James 1: 6-8)

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The key is not believing in an outcome that you want when you pray, but rather it is having faith in God, because of His love, His wisdom, His character and ability to do what is right and best in response to your need that you have prayed about.

Are You Willing To Cry Out Night and Day and Be Persistent Trusting in God's Love and Answer?

Do You Exhibit Great Faith in God Through Your Prayer Life?

Conclusion:

There is Great Value in Persistent Prayer!
By Being Determined To Find Relief
For Our Needs Through Faith in Jesus!

Invitation & Lord's Supper (Matthew 26: 26 – 29)

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."