

The Persistent Widow

Series: The Parables of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

1. The _____ of the Parable

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. (v. 1)

- a. _____ pray.
- b. Don't _____ heart.

2. The _____

a. The _____

i. A _____

1. In a _____ city
2. He didn't _____ God.
3. He didn't _____ people.

ii. A _____

And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' (v. 3)

1. She came to him with her _____.
2. She was _____ with her request.

b. The _____

- i. One was considered _____ and prominent.
- ii. One was considered _____ and weak.
- iii. The judge had _____.
- iv. The widow had _____.

c. The _____

- i. At first the judge was _____.
- ii. In time the widow's persistence was _____.
- iii. The judge responded but out of _____.

3. The _____

a. _____ what the unrighteous judge says. (see v. 6)

- i. Don't _____ bringing requests.
- ii. Grow in persistence in the _____ period.
- iii. _____ God to answer.

b. God will surely hear the _____ of his people.

And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? (v. 7)

c. He will _____ take care of them.

I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. (v. 8a)

d. What about _____?

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' (v. 8b)

Lessons

Prayer is _____ important for many reasons.

Persistence in prayer shows faith and _____ faith.

Faith is confidence in God's _____ and ability.

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