

## **The Persistent Widow** Series: The Parables of Jesus

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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.
- d. What about \_\_\_\_\_?

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

*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.