

**The Power to PRAY**  
*Growing in Prayer Part 1*  
Luke 18:1-8

**HOW TO PRAY AND GET AN ANSWER**

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For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."  
(Luke 18:4-5 ESV)

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Even he rendered a just decision in the end, so don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who plead with him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? (Luke 18:7 NLT)

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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? (Luke 18:7 NIV)

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. (Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV)

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I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8 NKJV)

**FOUR STEPS TO GROWING IN PRAYER**

1. Responsive

Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, "Get justice for me from my adversary." (Luke 18:3 NKJV)

2. Regular

And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' (Luke 18:3 HCSB)

3. Repeated

yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me." (Luke 18:5 NKJV)

4. Rewarded

And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? (Luke 18:7 NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

Don't give up! God is just and He answers the prayers of His people.

## QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND DISCUSSION:

1. Describe the judge in this parable. What do we know about his motivations? (18:2, 4-5)
2. Describe the widow. What makes her tick? Why do you think she is so persistent? (18:3)
3. What is the stated purpose why Jesus told this parable? (18:1)
4. What kinds of things can happen that cause us to lose hope, and lose any heart to pray consistent and believing prayers? How can we get out of these "pits"?
5. He can we believe in swift justice from God when he hasn't brought it yet?
6. Do YOU think Jesus will find faith on the earth when he returns? Why or why not?
7. What is this parable saying to you personally? What disciple-lesson are you taking away from this?