

## The Power of Persistent Prayer Luke 18:1-8

### 1. The PURPOSE

*1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not become discouraged,*

### 2. The PARABLE

*2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect any person. 3 Now there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my opponent.' 4 For a while he was unwilling; but later he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect any person, 5 yet because this widow is bothering me, I will give her justice; otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'"*

### 3. The PRINCIPLES

*6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge says; 7 now, will God not bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, He will see that they get justice and quickly.*

### 4. The PROBLEM

*However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"*

**APPLICATION:** Four ways to persist in prayer;

- Pour out -
- Remember back -
- Surrender up -
- Look forward -

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think many people struggle to be consistent and persistent in prayer?
- Read verse 7. Contrast the unrighteous judge to God.
- Contrast the widow's situation and petitions to the judge with your situation and petitions to God. How are they the same and how are they different?
- Read 2 Peter 3:8,9. How will these verses impact your prayer life?
- In what way has your thinking changed about prayer, after reading the parable of the persistent widow?
- Feelings are often looked down on in our culture, and in Christian culture, but God gave them to us and what does He want you to do with them?
- What action is God leading you to take to grow your conversations and relationship with Him in the area of praying?

