

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 18:1-17 **(June 14, 2026)**

— Below are questions to help further our understanding of Sundays Sermon. —

1. In what areas of your life are you currently practicing persistence in prayer, and how do you discern whether God is calling you to press on or walk away from a particular issue?
2. The parable contrasts an unjust judge with our just and loving God. How does understanding God's character as a Father who cares for His elect change the way you approach persistent prayer?
3. Jesus asks whether He will find faith on earth when He returns. How would you honestly assess the current state of your own faith if Christ were to return today?
4. The Pharisee's prayer focused on comparing himself to others rather than examining his own heart before God. In what ways do you find yourself measuring your spiritual life against others instead of focusing on your personal relationship with God?
5. The tax collector could not even lift his eyes to heaven but simply cried out for mercy. What would it look like for you to approach God with that same level of humility and honesty about your spiritual condition?
6. Jesus says that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. How does this principle challenge the values of self-promotion and personal achievement that dominate our culture?
7. The sermon mentions that religion kills while relationship with Christ gives life. What are the signs that someone has fallen into religious practices rather than maintaining a genuine, living relationship with Jesus?
8. Jesus welcomed children and said we must receive the kingdom like a child. What specific characteristics of childlike faith do you need to reclaim or develop in your own spiritual walk?
9. The widow's persistence eventually moved an unjust judge to action. How does this parable encourage you to continue praying for situations that seem hopeless or where God appears silent?
10. Considering both parables together, how do persistent prayer and humble confession work together in the life of a believer who seeks to maintain faithful relationship with God?