Why Shamelessly Persist in Prayer?

Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-8

Introduction to the Parables

The Parable of the Nagging Widow (Luke 18:1-8)

The Story (18:1-5)

- A widow comes to a judge for legal protection.
- The judge initially ignores her request.
- Because the widow is persistent, the judge finally relents and gives the widow what she needs.

The Application (18:6-8)

- God is not like the uncaring judge; He has compassion for His children.
- We are to be like the nagging widow; we must persist in our prayers.

The Parable of the Bothersome Neighbor (Luke 11:5-10)

The Story (11:5-8)

- A friend comes to a neighbor with a request for bread.
- The neighbor initially refuses the request.
- Because the friend is persistent, the neighbor finally relents and gives his friend what he needs.

The Application (11:9-10)

Like the friend, we are to continually ask, seek and knock in order to see our prayers answered.

Matthew 13:10

Why do you speak to them in parables?

Matthew 12:24

This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.

Matthew 13:11-13

Jesus answered and said to them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. Therefore, I speak to them in parables, because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.


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It never faints or grows weary; it is never discouraged; it never yields to cowardice, but is buoyed up and sustained by a hope that knows no despair and a faith which will not let go. Such praying has the patience to wait, and the strength to continue. It never prepares itself to quit praying, and declines to rise from its knees until an answer is received. (p. 44)





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God does not always grant the answer to prayer at once because the petitioner is not yet in a fit state to receive what he asks. There is something God desires to do in him before He answers the prayer. (p. 72)

