

**Luke 18:1-14**  
***“Principles Regarding Prayer”***

**Introduction:**

- How general principles flow from specific teachings

**I. A Parable about Perseverance in Prayer: (vs.1-8)**

A. Giving the Parable: (vs.1-5)

1. What does it mean to “*lose heart*”? (vs.1)
2. What does it mean that the judge did not “*regard man*”? (vs.2)
3. What led to the judge’s change of mind about giving justice? (vs.4-5)

B. Interpreting the Parable: (vs.6-8)

1. What sort of argument does Jesus employ here? (vs.7)
2. What is the significance of Jesus’ referring to God’s people as the elect? (vs.7)
3. What does Jesus say is in doubt in regard to His return? (vs.8)

**II. A Parable about Humility in Prayer: (vs.9-14)**

A. Giving the Parable: (vs.9-13)

1. What is the connection between righteousness and despising others? (vs.9)
2. How do the Pharisee and tax collector form a contrast? (vs.10)
3. What significant thought is in the tax collector’s prayer? (vs.13)

B. Interpreting the Parable: (vs.14)

1. What sort of exaltation and humbling is Jesus speaking of? (vs.14)

**Conclusion:**

- What principles are we taught about prayer in these parables?