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## ***The Parable of the Persistent Widow***

Luke 18:1-18

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### **I. The Purpose of the Parable (v. 1)**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ context of the Second Coming
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a parable
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ purpose—the necessity of and not growing weary in prayer

### **II. The Parable (vv. 2-6)**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. The Point of the Parable (vv. 7-8)**

- A. If the unrighteous judge answered this widow's request, how much \_\_\_\_\_ will God, the righteous judge answer our request?
- B. God will give justice to His children in His time, in the meantime you remain \_\_\_\_\_.

### **TAKE HOME**

- How do you keep from growing \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer?
- Can you be described as someone who keeps \_\_\_\_\_ to God in prayer?
- Are you blessed by the fact that God is a righteous judge who \_\_\_\_\_ your prayers?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Luke 18:1. What is the context of this parable? Why is that important or helpful to know?

2. Read Jms. 5:16; Matt. 7:7-11; 21:22. How do these passages encourage you to pray more?

3. What does it mean to lose heart? Read 2 Cor. 4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9; Eph. 3:13; and 2 Thes. 3:13. What do these passages teach us about losing heart?

4. Read Luke 18:2-6. What is the gist of the parable in your own words? How did this judge break the two greatest commandments (Matt. 22:37-40)?

5. Read Deut. 1:16-17 and 2 Chron. 19:6-7. How should this judge have been functioning?

6. Read Ex. 22:22-24; Psa. 146:9; Is. 1:17; Jer. 7:6; Acts 6:1; 1 Tim. 5:3; and Jms. 1:27. What do we learn in these passages about God’s heart towards widows?

7. Read Luke 18:7-8. What is the point of the parable? How will this parable help you pray more consistently and earnestly in your life?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How can this passage of Scripture help you be confident to keep coming to God in prayer?

*“Let us resolve to pray on steadily, patiently, perseveringly,  
and let us never doubt that it does us good.  
However long the answer may be in coming, still let us pray on.”*

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*