

Stewardship Focus

Always Pray and Never Give Up

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? - Luke 18:7



In Luke 18, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow — a woman who continually went before an unjust judge, pleading for justice. Though the judge neither feared God nor cared about people, he finally granted her request simply because she refused to give up. Jesus uses this story to remind us to “*always pray and never give up.*”

Her story reminds me of a little fable about a frog who fell into a pot of cream. The sides were too slick to climb out, and he couldn’t swim for long. But instead of giving up, he kept kicking. He paddled and kicked all night until the cream thickened — and eventually turned to butter. When morning came, he was able to hop out to safety. His persistence literally saved him.

That kind of perseverance is what Jesus is teaching us here. The widow didn’t give up when she didn’t see results, and we shouldn’t either. Prayer, faith, and stewardship all require consistency — even when we feel like we’re getting nowhere.

Stewardship is a lifelong act of persistence. It’s praying when we’re tired, serving when we feel unseen, and giving even when we’re unsure how it will all work out. Faithful stewardship means trusting that every small act of obedience, every prayer, and every offering adds up to something greater in God’s hands.

Like the frog who kept kicking and the widow who kept asking, may we never stop showing up with faith, hope, and determination — because God is always working, even when we can’t see it yet.

Stewardship Connection:

- **Time:** Persistence in prayer takes time — time spent with God is never wasted. The more we pray, the stronger our faith grows.
- **Talent:** When we use our gifts faithfully, even in small ways, God multiplies our efforts to accomplish His purposes.
- **Treasure:** Consistent giving reflects trust — believing that what we release to God will come back as blessing, provision, and peace.

Reflection Questions:

- Do I persist in prayer even when I don’t see answers right away?
- How can I keep using my gifts faithfully when progress feels slow?
- Where might God be calling me to keep “kicking” — to stay faithful and hopeful in serving others?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for reminding me through Your Word about persistence. When I grow weary, strengthen my faith. Help me to keep praying, giving, serving, and trusting in You to turn my small acts of faith into something greater. May I never give up, knowing You always hear and respond in love. Amen.

