



## **“The Parable of The Persistent Widow”**

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1. Ever have a friend or one of your kids ask for something repeatedly? What did that make you want to do?
2. READ Luke 18:1-8. What are some questions or thoughts that you have concerning this parable?
3. Describe the Judge. What was he like and who was he a stark contrast with?
4. Describe the Widow. What was she like and how does understanding the plight of widows in that day give insight into the parable? (See Ex. 22:22; Deut. 27:19; I Tim. 5:1)
5. What causes the unjust judge to finally come around? Does this mean that God wants us to “nag” Him about things?
6. Who are the “elect?” (See I Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4-5) and what is God’s promise to those who cry out day and night? How does this speak to the intensity of prayer needed in our lives?
7. Discuss the tension point concerning the word “speedily” (v. 8). Does God ever delay in answering our prayers? Why or why not? (See Is. 55:9; I Jn. 5:14-15)
8. What are your thoughts concerning the final question Jesus asks, “... will He really find faith on the earth?”
9. READ The Parable of the Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:5-13). How does this parable reinforce the need for persistence in prayer?
10. READ I Thessalonians 5:17. Does this mean we should be praying 24/7? What are some ways we can do this? (Review the two ideas Pastor Ken shared in the sermon notes)
11. What does it mean to “Lose Heart?” Why do we often lose heart when it comes to prayer? What are some things we often substitute for prayer? (Review sermon notes)
12. What are your biggest obstacles when it comes to consistently and persistently praying? How can we pray for one another in this vital area.