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## **Persistence**

**What prayers are worthy of your persistence? What will you ask for without giving up? What will you keep on asking for until you have what you ask for from me? Is there anything that you won't stop boldly bringing to me in prayer?** I am glad that you have asked me these questions. It is good for me to carefully consider what you are asking of me. There are several things that I will never stop boldly bringing to you as a prayer request. First, I want to know you. I want to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. I want you to know me. I want to be able to hear your voice. I want to be able to know and do your will. I want to live my life fully for you. I don't want to fall short or miss the mark in loving, following and serving you. I want to do everything that you have planned and prepared for me to do in this life. I want to be found to be faithful in your sight. I want to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to be a bright and shining witness for you in the world. One day I want to hear you say, "well done, good and faithful servant." **Why are you asking all of this of me?** I am weak. You are strong. Only you can make me faithful. Only you can make me able to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. On my own, with my own strength, I will accomplish nothing. Only you can make me able to bear fruit for all eternity. Only you can make me able to bring glory to your name. So, I am telling you that I want what you want. I want my life to be at your service. I want to be completely at your disposal. I want to go where you guide me. I want to do all that you ask of me. I want you to work in me, through me and for me so that I can be the person you have called me to be as I do all that you ask me to do for you. **What is second?** What do you mean? **A little while ago you said you first wanted to ask me these things. It sounded like you had a second request.** No, I don't have a second request. I will just restate that I want to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want my life to be lived out as an act of joy filled praise, thanksgiving and worship to you. I know that I will serve you and others completely if this persistent prayer of mine is heard and answered. **Do you have any doubts about my answering this persistent prayer of your heart?** I have no doubts. I know that you will hear and answer this prayer that you placed in me as the desire of my heart. **That is very good. Keep on persistently bringing your prayers to me.** Yes, Lord, I will.

*Lord, thank you that I have the privilege to bring the needs of others to you in prayer. Help me to be bold and persistent in prayer and to not give up when the answer does not come immediately. Instead, I will keep on praying and trusting in you for an answer. Amen*

**Prayer** *Because Of The Man's Boldness*

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

NIV Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of His Impudence*

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

ESV Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of Your Shameless Persistence*

But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

NLT Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of His Persistence*

I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

NKJV Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of His Persistence*

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

NRSV Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Stand Your Ground*

"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

MSG Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of His Shameless Persistence*

I tell you, although he will not get up and supply him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence and insistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

AMP Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of Your Persistence*

"But I'll tell you this—though he won't do it as a friend, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you everything you want—just because of your persistence.

TLB Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Because Of His Persistence*

"I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

NASB Luke 11:8

**Prayer** *Your Boldness*

Your friend inside the house answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, if friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread, your boldness will make him get up and give you whatever you need.

NCV Luke 11:8

**Because of The Man's Boldness** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Prayer** – Luke 11:8

**In Context:** *Read Luke 11*

**Begin With Prayer:** *Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.*

**Meditating On God's Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When can you bring your prayer requests to your Heavenly Father?

Why can you be assured that it will never be too inconvenient for your Heavenly Father to hear your prayer?

How can you pray on behalf of your friends that are in need?

**When have you boldly and persistently prayed on behalf of your friends that are in need?**

**How has your faith and prayer life grown as you have persevered in prayer?**

What answers to prayer have you received as you have persistently prayed to the Lord?

**What blessings have you received from the Lord as you have persevered in prayer?**

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**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Boldly and persistently bring your prayers to the Lord to ask Him for what you need.

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**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will hear and answer your prayers as you persistently ask Him for what you need.

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**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are being persistent in your prayers.

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**Close With Prayer:**

**Quiet Yourself Before The Lord**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*My you boldly and persistently prayer to the Lord asking Him for all that you need.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will boldly and persistently pray to you asking you for all that I need.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I boldly and persistently pray to you today?*

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