

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

Luke 18:7 (NIV)

Persistence

Persistence in prayer has not been my one of my strongest points. I have seldom prayed more than a couple times for any one request. I must admit that I have sometimes even wondered why I need to pray at all. You know what I want and need even before I ask for it. **Yes, I do. Can you think of any reasons why I want you to be persistent and consistent in your prayers to me?** I know that you want me to live in an intimate relationship with you. **Yes, I do.** Coming to meet with you in prayer is part of that intimate relationship you want to have with me. **Yes, it is. Have you sometimes thought that I should give you exactly what you want at the very moment you ask for it?** I have thought that before; I'll have to admit. **Why don't I always give you what you want, when you want it?** Sometimes, I have asked for something that would not be good for me. You might have something entirely different that is far better for me. I might not be ready to receive what I am asking for from you. It might not be the right timing. An improper gift or a gift given before the right time might be a curse rather than a blessing. **You are wise to understand that.**

What possible answers might I have for your prayers? Your answers could be "yes", "no", or "not yet". **That's right. "Yes", is not the only possible answer to your prayer. "No", may be an even better answer to your prayer. Don't think that I have not heard and answered your prayer simply because my answer to your prayer was "no". In response to a "no" answer to your prayer, what would happen if you kept on praying?** I might better understand why you said, "no" to my prayer? **That's right. "Not yet", is an answer to your prayer that would offer a good reason for you to keep on praying, don't you think?** Yes, I do. **Why is that?** As I keep on praying, I will better understand your timing. **Yes, you will.**

You can be very sure of one thing. What's that? I delight to hear and answer your prayers. It gives me great joy to see you coming to rely on me. I do want you to live in a close and intimate relationship with me. I do want you to ask me for all that you want and need. Will keep on bringing all your prayers to me? Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, often I have prayed just once for something. If I didn't receive an answer I did not pray again. Now I see that you want me to be urgent and consistent and persistent in my prayers. I will pray and not give up. I will wait until you hear and answer my prayer. Amen

Prayer *Cry Out To Him Day And Night*

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

NIV Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry To Him Day And Night*

And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

ESV Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry Out To Him Day And Night*

Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

NLT Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry Out Day And Night To Him*

And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

NKJV Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry To Him Day And Night*

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

NRSV Luke 18:7

Prayer *Continue To Cry Out For Help*

So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them?

MSG Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry Out To Him Day And Night*

And will not [our just] God defend and protect and avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf?

AMP Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry Out To Him Day And Night*

don't you think that God will surely give justice to his people who plead with him day and night?

TLB Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry To Him Day And Night*

now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

NASB Luke 18:7

Prayer *Cry To Him Day And Night*

God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them.

NCV Luke 18:7

Cry Out To Him Day And Night

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – Luke 18:7

In Context: *Read Luke 18*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

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

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:10-12

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

And | will not | God bring | about justice | for his chosen ones, | who cry out | to him | day | and | night? | Will he | keep | putting them off? | I tell you, | he will | see that | they | get justice, | and quickly. Luke 18:7

Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, often I have prayed just once for something. If I didn't receive an answer I did not pray again. Now I see that you want me to be urgent and consistent and persistent in my prayers. I will pray and not give up. I will wait until you hear and answer my prayer. Amen

What It Means:

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

What are you urgently and persistently asking the Lord for in prayers right now?

Why does the Lord want you to keep on praying rather than giving up?

What are some possible answers to the prayers that you are now praying to the Lord?

When have you been tempted to give up praying when an answer to your prayer has not come quickly?

When have you continued praying for something until you received an answer to your prayer?

When has the Lord heard and answered one of your prayers that you have prayed over a long time?

How has the Lord worked in you and through your life as you have continued to faithfully pray to Him?

How has your faith and trust in the Lord grown as you have come to Him continually with your prayers?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Continue to come to the Lord and pray and don't give up even when answers to your prayers do not come quickly.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will hear and will answer your prayers as you faithfully pray to Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group what you are persistently praying for day and night.

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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you persistently and consistently keep bringing your prayers to the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will keep on bringing my prayers to you until they are heard and answered.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what prayers do you want me to keep on praying to you until they are heard and answered?
