



the problem with prayer

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hat does persistent prayer reveal?

1. Persistent prayer reveals _____ . 18:3

2. Persistent prayer reveals _____ . 18:4-5

3. Persistent prayer reveals _____ . 18:6-8

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Persistent prayer accesses _____.

Deeper Connection Study

In the time between Christ's first advent and his second coming, Christians are encouraged to remain steadfast and patient. At times, this is very difficult in a world that is marred by sin and antagonistic towards Christ and his followers. Jesus was intentional about teaching his disciples the necessity of growing in faith and not losing heart.

Today's Core Practice discussed: Prayer.

Read Luke 18:1-8

1. Why did Jesus speak this parable and to whom (v. 1)?
2. In what ways is God like and unlike the judge mentioned in this parable?
3. When you face injustice, are you moved to prayer (cf. Rom. 12:12)? How do you implore God to act on your behalf or for someone else (cf. Eph. 6:18)?
4. What is your view of God when it comes to praying? Do you expect him to answer your prayers (cf. Matt. 21:22)? Why or why not?
5. How does persistent prayer enhance the faith of the one who prays (cf. Col. 4:2)?
6. How would you describe your prayer life? How do you want to grow in prayer? In what ways do you think it will help your relationship with God and others?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he hears our prayers! Ask God to help you grow in greater devotion and fellowship with Christ through prayer. Pray for Christians who are being persecuted around the world (see Acts 4:23-31).