

# Jesus the Storyteller

## THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

Luke 18:1-8 // Dr. Ron Jones

“Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence.” PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE

“Patience, persistence, and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.” NAPOLEAN HILL, *THINK AND GROW RICH*

“Energy and persistence conquer all things.” BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

*“Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”* THE UNJUST JUDGE, LUKE 18:4-5

Jesus told the Parable of the Persistent Widow so that we would \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ the unjust judge.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ the widow.

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*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.* JAMES 5:16 NJKV

*Pray without ceasing.* 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 ESV

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!* MATTHEW 7:7-11 ESV

## **Why Pray and Not Give Up?**

1. We talk to God through \_\_\_\_\_; God talks to us through \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Persistent prayer shapes our understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Persistent prayer is evidence that we have \_\_\_\_\_.

*“I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”* LUKE 18:8 ESV; 2 TIMOTHY 4:8