

## Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days Part 3, Persistent Prayer, Persistent Faith

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### Luke 18:1-8 (Amplified Bible)

Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to **make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up *and* lose heart,** <sup>2</sup> saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and had no respect for man. <sup>3</sup> There was a [desperate] widow in that city and she kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice *and* legal protection from my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a time he would not; but later he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow *continues* to bother me, I will give her justice *and* legal protection; otherwise by continually coming she [will be an intolerable annoyance and she] will wear me out.'" <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says! <sup>7</sup> And will not [our just] God defend *and* avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will defend *and* avenge them quickly. **However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?"**

1. Persistent: Refusing to give up or let go; tenacious, determined, resolute, steadfast.

### James 1:5-8 (New International Version)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> **But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.**

1. Supernatural is of, relating to, or being above or beyond what is natural; unexplainable by natural law or phenomena; abnormal.
2. The Word of God (Bible) is a supernatural book.
3. When we exercise the Word of God through prayer, we communicate with God, which is supernatural because God is supernatural.

4. If you pray and don't believe what you are praying for, you should not expect to receive an answer to your prayer.

### **Ephesians 6:18 (Amplified Bible)**

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.

1. Praying in faith in God's Word strengthens us
2. God is moved to action by the prayers of His people
3. Prayer brings intimacy with God
4. Prayer brings the anointing or power of God
5. Praying in the Spirit (tongues) builds us up (1 Corinthians 14:4)
6. Prayer tears down the strongholds of Satan

"Every mighty move of the Spirit of God has had its source in the prayer chamber." – **E.**

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"Prayer is our most formidable weapon, but the one in which we are the least skilled, the most averse to its use." – **E. M. Bounds**