

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

1 Thessalonian 5:17

- ◆ **Persistence** means **firm** or **obstinate continuance** of action despite difficulty or opposition
- ◆ **Prayer** is an act of communicating with God, enclosing praise, confession, and request.

Def:

- ❖ **Persistence prayer** is the steadfast, perseverance, and deliberate continuation of praying despite delay, trials, or lack of immediate answer. OR
- ❖ Maintaining an attitude of prayer, stay connected with God, keeping our request before him trusting that He will answer.

– **Remain calm** – despite delay

-- **Unwavering** – despite trials

Daniel 6:10

-- **loyal and faithful** – despite lack of immediate answer

ASPECTS TO PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER Luke 18:1-8

- Knowing your identity and right:
 - ✓ *Deu. 1:16-17*
 - ✓ *Deu. 10:18, 24:17*
 - ✓ *James 1:27*

Persistent prayer requires knowing our identity and right as children of God.

What is this identity: -

- Loved and accepted by God and no longer under condemnation (1 John 3:1, Romans 8:1)
- Citizen of Heaven, Believers are no longer strangers to God, but are citizens and members of God's family. (Ephesian 2:10)

What are the rights: - these are the promises of God.

- Spiritual authority and freedom – the right to call on the name of Jesus – freedom from spiritual darkness – authority over sickness.
- Divine provision and protection: Supply all our needs and be with us to the end.

Matthew 7:7 states, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

Psalm 91:4 (“He will cover you with his feathers...”), Isaiah 54:17 (“No weapon forged against you will prevail”), and Psalm 121:7-8 (“The Lord will keep you from all harm”)

➤ Faith and Trust:

Is honoring God as the provider and a declaration that He is the source of all our needs and will answer us in his timing.

- It encourages endurance even though faced difficulties, oppression and feeling hopelessness but refuses to give up or lose heart.