

**Parables for the Jesus Follower**  
**The Parable of the Persistent Widow**  
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**Persistence...**

Jesus makes it clear here and in other places in the gospels:

- Ask
- Don't give up asking

I don't love the activity of prayer. I love Jesus & that's why I pray.  
Prayer doesn't change things. Jesus changes things from prayer.

**God's Story: The Parable of the Persistent Widow, Luke 18:1-8**

**Six Chairs of Prayer:**

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| 1. prayer is not important | 4. prayer is necessary           |
| 2. prayer is optional      | 5. prayer is critical-individual |
| 3. prayer is important     | 6. prayer is critical-group      |

**A Daily Prayer Journal:**

Short-term requests	Legacy Men, families, requests
Moses People	Various countries

**Prayer changes me:** independence.....dependence  
greed.....generosity  
sensuality.....purity  
power.....humility

- **Grit:** It is the determination inside each of us that drives perseverance when it would be easy to give up or slack off. It is identified as firmness of character, indomitable spirit.
- **Spiritual Grit:** It is the determination inside of us that rises from our connection with the Holy Spirit. He produces the fruit of perseverance & we dance daily to "We will never give up."

**Big Idea:** God allows me to choose in which prayer chair I sit and whether my prayer life will be wimpy or gritty. Choose wisely. It is one great adventure.