



THE PRIVILEGE AND POWER OF PRAYER

Scriptures for further study

Isaiah 40:30-31 | I Thessalonians 5:17 | Philippians 4:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“A life without prayer included is effectively a life with God excluded.”

Luke 18:1-8

1. Why give prayer priority in life? What does it mean to “not lose heart”? In what situations are you most tempted to lose heart? How does the condition of the heart affect the prayer life of the believer? What can we do if we *have* lost heart?
2. What do we know about the character of the judge? What do we know about the character of the widow? How does the widow’s persistence relate to not losing heart?
3. Put yourself in the shoes of the widow. Would it have been easy to throw her hands in the air and simply give up? Why do you think the widow did not give up?
4. What are the differences in character between God and this unrighteous judge? How do these differences help you in your understanding of prayer? What would have happened had the widow not been persistent?
5. Knowing that God is much more generous than the judge in this parable, has there been a time in your life when God reminded you to remain steadfast? Do you truly believe that you can consistently come to God in prayer with full confidence that He will respond?
6. How does the content of this parable help you not lose heart? How does this parable help you gain motivation to pray?
7. Identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to our lives. Is there anything in your life you have given up praying over? Why? What injustices are around you that you could bring before the Lord in prayer? What will it take for justice to be a bigger concern in prayer than your own needs? How can you specifically encourage one another toward consistent prayer?