



WHEN YOU
PRAY

WEEK ELEVEN

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What is the definition of a parable?

3. Read Luke 18:1-8. According to verse one, what is the reason Jesus tells this parable?

4. When praying about various things, what are reasons we are tempted to "lose heart?"

5. What does Psalm 38:15 promise us?

6. Is there anything in your life that you have quit praying for because you "lost heart," or became discouraged because the answer seemed to delay? If the answer is yes, take a moment right now and pray about that thing. Determine to continue praying about it even if you don't see immediate results.

7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

*Devote
yourselves
to*
PRAYER
Keeping alert in it
**WITH
AN**
ATTITUDE
*of
thanksgiving.*
Colossians 4:2

I'm praying about:

ROCK WOMEN

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Luke 11:5-10. In verse 8, what does it say is the reason the man got up to grant his friend's request?
3. What is the definition in the dictionary of persistence? (see also perseverance)
4. Read Deuteronomy 9:25. How long did Moses persist in prayer? Does perseverance/persistence characterize your prayer life?
5. There are times we are hesitant to lift up our requests to the Lord because we feel we are a bother or we have asked for something too many times. According to yesterday's and today's stories, why should we not feel that way?
6. Continue to lift up your specific prayer request to the Lord and write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer, lifting up any requests that are of special concern.
 2. Read Colossians 4:12. Paul says Epaphrus was always " _____ for you in his prayers."
 3. In Romans 15:30, what does Paul ask that we do together with him in prayer?
 4. The words, "labor fervently" and "strive together" come from the Greek word agōnizomai. Agōnizomai means to contend, to struggle with difficulties and danger, or to endeavor with strenuous zeal. It is from this word that we get our English word, "agonize." How does this word accurately describe prayer at times?
 5. Read Genesis 32:24-32. What is Jacob doing in this story?
 6. The picture of Jacob wrestling with God is how we can feel when an answer to prayer delays. At those times prayer can feel like "wrestling" or "striving" with God as we come to Him time and again with a particular request. We are tempted to quit or to lose heart, but what encouragement does Galatians 6:9 offer us if we don't quit?
 7. Continue to lift up your specific prayer request to the Lord and write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Luke 11:9-10. These verses tell us that when we ask we will receive. While God promises to answer us, He does not promise to answer us instantaneously. What do you think are possible reasons why an answer to prayer may delay?
3. Luke 11:11-13 compares God to a good father. What do Luke 11:13 and James 1:17 tell us about the gifts God gives us?
4. While it is true that God gives us tangible things, He is also faithful to give us the gift of refining our character. What character qualities are produced in us when we are forced to persevere in prayer? What benefit might this also grant us in our relationship with the Lord?
5. When an answer to prayer delays what do 1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 119:145-147; Micah 7:7; and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 encourage us to do?
6. Continue to lift up your specific prayer request to the Lord and write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
 2. Read 1 Samuel 1:1-18. What is it that Hannah desperately wanted and what does she do in verses 10-11?
 3. Because Hannah was so distressed and praying so earnestly the priest, Eli, thought she was drunk. What was her response in verse 15?
 4. Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28. What does Hannah do in verse 28?
 5. When we pray earnestly for something and are granted our request, after time passes we can be tempted to forget how the Lord moved on our behalf. Hannah took the precious thing for which she prayed, her son, and dedicated him back to the Lord. Are the things you pray for dedicated to the Lord's service? Are they at His disposal to use as He sees fit? How so?
 6. Continue to lift up your specific prayer request to the Lord and write out this week's memory verse below:
 7. How have you seen God answer prayer in your life this week?
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