



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Parables of Jesus —The Persistent Widow

1. Why do you think people don't pray as much as they should?
2. Read Luke 11:9-13 and James 4:1-4. Why do you think God sometimes says no to the specific requests we present to him? How can we learn to pray according to the will of God?
3. Read Luke 18:1-8. How are we unlike the widow in this story? How is God unlike the judge in this story?
4. What is wrong with saying we need to pester God until he answers our prayer requests?
5. Can you think of an example where you gave up praying for something because you concluded your prayers were "working?" What happened, and why did you quit praying? Why do you think we don't persevere in prayer?
6. How might you apply this lesson to your life?