

Philadelphia Church

Shameless Persistence

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LUKE 18:1

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TYPES OF PRAYER EXPERIENCES

- 1- Toss up prayer
- 2- Negotiation prayer
- 3- Unanswered prayer

LUKE 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

LUKE 11: 5-13

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

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“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

DEFINITION

Importunity- Shameless persistence

QUOTE

Importunate prayer- "We are to press the matter, not with vain repetitions. We repeat, not to count the times, but to gain the prayer, pray with urgency. This is the secret of success."- E.M. Bounds

SIGNS OF IMPORTUNATE PRAYER

- Prayed with a Godly heart
- Pray with a pure conscience
- Not in contrast with the Bible
- Repetitive to change our heart not God's

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

LUKE 11:9-10

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QUOTE

“God May answer the Urgent on occasion but He doesn't make a habit of it.” - DF

LUKE 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' 4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think

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Yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!' 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

TRUTH

God is at work while we are praying.

HEBREWS 12: 1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

LUKE 18:8

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JOHN 6: 66-67

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

PRAYERS THAT ARE NOT EFFECTIVE

- Partial prayers
- Lazy prayers
- Lukewarm prayers
- Infrequent prayers