

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER:

Lesson 9.

OBJECTIVE: To encourage us "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint"!

PARABLES: *The Parable of the Friend at Midnight:*

Luke 11:5-13

The Parable of the Persistent Widow:

Luke 18:1-8

I. THE SETTINGS:

A. The two parables are similar, but were delivered on two separate occasions. What request prompted the first parable? _____

B. The second parable is in a series of teaching in answer to a demand or a question; what is it? _____

II. THE CENTRAL TEACHINGS:

The parables are almost identical in their central teaching. *What is it?* _____

III. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLES:

A. What spiritual activity do these parables discuss? _____

B. What is "importunity" in Luke 11:8? _____

C. Is there any difference between "...ask ...seek ...knock ", or was Jesus simply using repetition for emphasis? _____

D. These parables give a wealth of information on prayer.
Let's garner some of it:

● **Responsibility of praying ---**

1. Why do we pray?

2. Aside from it being a command, **do we really NEED to pray?** _____

● **Requirements of prayer---**

1. How direct or definite were the requests of the two parables? _____

2. What part does sincerity play in prayer?

Are there other passages teaching the necessity of sincerity in prayer? _____ If so, where?

● **Rewards of Prayer---**

1. Does prayer bring results?

2. Do we always get what we pray for?
