

NOTES: Moral of the Story | The Persistent Widow
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“The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”” (Luke 17:5, NASB95)

Luke 18. 1-8

Judge- ungodly, no fear of God, arrogant.

Widow- not much details, no protector or provider in her life. Someone oppressing her.

1. Do not Quit (v1)

- We all have the temptation to stop praying, to give up. Jesus is calling us to persistence and perseverance
- So much quitting going on right now in our society marriages/jobs/college/church/faith
- Many times we quit praying and believing because we can't physically "see" anything happening

2. Consider what we are saying about God when we quit

Exodus 34: 6-8 “Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.” (Exodus 34:6–8, NASB95)

Don't deny God's Nature

3. God's Justice will be applied to all

- Justice of the Cross,
- Justification=the righteous demands of the law was meant with the blood of Christ

4. Will Jesus find us with faith (v. 8)

- Faith in His nature-loving and good
- Faith in His plan
- Faith in His justice

What have you stopped praying about? _____

Where do you need to stay persistent in Praying? _____

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to you through this message?

Sermon Discussion Questions: Moral of the Story | The Persistent Widow
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For continued personal, family, and small group study and contemplation.

1. What have you learned about quitting?
2. Read Luke 17.5? Have you ever prayed this? How does this happen?
3. Read the parable in Luke 18.1-8. What do you observe?
4. Describe the judge? Describe the widow?
5. What were the motives of the judge?
6. How does quitting define our beliefs on the nature of God?
7. What things have you stopped praying about that God is answering now but you don't see it?
 - What examples were given in the message?
8. What is God's justice for those who embrace his justice of the cross?
 - Is this applied to everyone?
 - What justice will be applied to everyone?
9. How can prayer lead us to greater faith...?
 - In the nature of God?
 - In the plan of God for us?
 - In His justice?

What is the Holy Spirit, God, saying to you?

What is He saying about your praying?