



Join the Revolution!
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Luke 18:1-14, p.731-732

Myths about prayer

- ***My prayers are all about convincing God to meet my needs.***
- ***My persistent prayer has the power to force God to act for my benefit.***
- ***If God is impressed with my goodness, He will grant what I believe I deserve.***
- ***God does not listen to the prayers of the sinners.***

Why did Jesus tell these stories about prayer at this time?

Why should I persistently pray to God when it appears that He doesn't exist, when it looks like He doesn't care and when the evidence shouts that He is not able to keep His promise?

Don't give up:

1. Because God does exist and He genuinely cares for me.
2. Because a day of ***vindication*** is coming.
3. Because God's ***timing is perfect***.
4. Because God's ***eternal plan*** takes precedence over my own.
5. Because my ***persistence is evidence*** of my confidence in Him.
6. Because God responds to my genuine ***humility*** rather than to my impressive ***goodness***.

THE ONE THING: pray

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize the stories of Luke 18:1-14.
- Do a self-examination regarding how and why you pray.
- How will you prepare for the coming revolution?
- Other _____

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 How does your family typically celebrate the 4th of July? Does your Independence Day celebration include any consideration of the courage and risk that the founding fathers, mothers and children had to embrace for the years leading up to that day and after?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 The Bible repeatedly mentions (especially in the Prophets) that there is a day coming that will bring everything to a grand conclusion. We live in the days leading up to "the day." What will "that day" be like?
- a. 1 Corinthians 1:4-8
 - b. Luke 17:24, 30
 - c. Acts 2:17-21
 - d. Amos 5:18-20

- 3 It seems that Jesus is describing "the day" in Luke 21:25-28. What is the message Jesus is attempting to communicate to us regarding how we are to live in light of that day?

TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 How should living my life in light of the return of Jesus impact the way I live my life?
- a. Titus 2:11-13
 - b. Revelation 19:1-16
 - c. Colossians 3:1-4
 - d. 1 John 3:2-3