

Quote: “We have all become so used to condemning the proud self-righteous attitude of the Pharisee in the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14), that we can hardly believe that the picture of him there is meant to apply to us—which only shows how much like him we really are.”—**Roy Hession**

PRIDE DISPLAYS SELF-WORKS

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” (Mark 6:5-6)

Quote: “Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.”
—**Thomas Merton**

B. The Prayer of the _____

HUMILITY IS HONEST

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6)

HUMILITY SEEKS MERCY

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

CONCLUSION

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” (Romans 4:5)



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Text: Luke 18:1-14

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 18:1-14)

INTRODUCTION

1. PRAYER SHOULD BE _____ Verses 1-5

A. The _____ of Prayer

Quote: “I live in the spirit of prayer; I pray as I walk, when I lie down and when I rise, and the answers are always coming.”

—George Müller

“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

“And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.” (Luke 2:37)

B. The _____ in Prayer

THERE IS FAILURE WHEN WE FAINT

“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:40-41)

THERE IS VICTORY IN FAITHFULNESS

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Quote: “If any of you should ask me for an epitome of the Christian religion, I should say that it is one word—prayer.”

—Charles Spurgeon

C. The _____ of Prayer

AN UNCARING JUDGE

A PLEADING WOMAN

“I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Luke 11:8-10)

THE RELENTING JUDGE

Quote: “Persistent prayer is an enduring evidence of faith.”

Quote: “Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.”—D. L. Moody

2. PRAYER SHOULD BE _____ Verses 6-8

A. Because of the _____ of God

Quote: “The point of the verse is that God patiently listens to his elect as they pray in their continuing distress, waiting for the proper time to act on their behalf.”—Gaebelein

“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;” (2 Thessalonians 1:4-6)

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” (Matthew 7:11)

B. Because of the _____ of God

TO HEAR OUR CRY

“Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.” (Psalm 62:8)

Quote: “Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do.”—Andrew Murray

TO BEAR WITH OUR CRY

TO RESPOND TO OUR CRY

C. Because of the _____ of God

Quote: “The darkest hour is often just before the dawn, so we should always be people of hope and prayer, not gloom and defeatism. God the Holy Spirit can turn the situation around in five minutes.”

3. PRAYER SHOULD BE _____ Verses 9-14

A. The Prayer of the _____

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