

Praying with Persistence

Breakthrough: Leaning Into the Power of Prayer / Part 6 of 7
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The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

- Matthew 7:7-8
- A parable is a simple story with a deep meaning.
- Comparing parables = God is like..
- Competing parables = God is NOT like.

A. Parable of the _____ Friend.

- Luke 11:5-8

B. Parable of the _____ Widow.

- Luke 18:1-8

Why does God want me to be Persistent in my prayer life?

1. It Keeps My _____ Focused on God.

2. Having to Wait _____ Me About Myself.

A. Praying Persistently Tests My _____.

B. Praying Persistently Tests My _____.

C. Praying Persistently Tests My _____.

D. Praying Persistently Tests My _____.

God is saying to you, I'm going to do something amazing with your situation. Just wait and see. It's part of my plan; I'll do it at my own pace.

WEEKLY APPLICATION POINT: This is a breakthrough moment for you. This week, reread the two parables talked about in the sermon message and then pray persistently about your breakthrough. After you pray, refer to the sermon outline asking, "How has praying persistently tested my desires, priority, maturity, and faith?"

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. For you, what are the biggest challenges of praying with persistence? What are the potential benefits? List them below.
2. What is the longest you've prayed for something? In the end, what did God teach you? How was your prayer request answered?
3. God sees our needs before we even utter a word. Why is it so important to Him that we pray with persistence?
4. When we take our focus off God and put it on ourselves, we find ourselves on a downward spiral. For you, what are the biggest distractions from living a Matthew 6:33 life?
5. Toward the end of the message, Pastor Nate lists four ways praying persistently tests us. Which one is most difficult for you? Why?