

**Series: Powerful Prayer**

**Sermon: Be Persistent**

**Bible Verses: Luke 11:5-10 and Matthew 15:21-28**

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**Major Point: Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 18:1-5**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"

**A. Persistence in prayer requires a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**B. Persistence requires \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**C. Consistency in prayer requires \_\_\_\_\_.**

**James 1:4-5**

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be part of our prayer life

**Psalms 5:3**: In the **morning**, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in **expectation**.

**Growth Group prep**

- Memorize: "Consistence and persistence brings God's assistance."
- Do you know of a story about when someone gave up before getting what they wanted?
- Do you have any stories of a time when persistence paid off?
- What is a prayer that you would like God to answer, but it may take months or years to answer?