

“PRAY LIKE WHO?”

LUKE 18:1-8

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Did you ever notice how much stock your doctor puts in “vital signs” when you come to visit? There is so much that is revealed in a heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature that a simple, “How are you feeling?” will not uncover. This is not only true in our physical life, but also in our spiritual life. One of the key vital signs in the life of the believer is their prayer life. If this area is failing, so is their spiritual heart. If their prayer life is thriving, so is their spiritual work. Our prayer life is a big deal!

In Luke 18, Christ describes a parable on prayer; and like a good doctor, reminds us of how we should think and act.

HOW TO PRAY LIKE A WIDOW

Luke 18:1

SOME THOUGHTS

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CHARACTER OF CHRIST'S POINT

● Character of the **Judge**

➤ The judge was wicked:

- ✓ Most likely needed a **bribe** to hear a **case**
- ✓ Only available **occasionally**
- ✓ Considered people of **position** more **worthy**

➤ This judge is **completely opposite** of our God.

Question: How often do we **treat** God as if He were **like** this **judge**?

- Character of the **Widow**

- The widow woman had a need only the **Judge** could fix!
- Did not cave in to opposition or **discouragement**
- Boldly **persistent**

Questions: What is getting in the way of your **prayer life**?

What **issue** are we **facing** that is greater than the widow?

- Character of the **Request**

- The widow asked for that which was **promised** to her... **protection** from the **Adversary**.

Question: What are the promises of God that **meet** your situation?

Truth: Those who give up do not know the heart of the Father!

- Character of the **Response**

- Christ's statement is simple:
 - ✓ "Do you think God will **neglect** His children?"
 - ✓ Is He worse than the unjust **judge**?

Key Point: Our **prayer life** is a reflection of our **faith**!

WRAP UP

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