

God is
for me!

God is on our side when
life seems unjust!

Luke 18

squandered his wealth
had spent everything,
in that whole country
need. So he went and
zen of that country, w
feed pigs. He longed
pods that the pigs we
him anything.

"When he came to his
many of my father's h
spare, and here I am
set out and go back to

Luke 18:1-8 (niv)

This passage of Scripture
in **Luke 18** is commonly
known as ***'The Parable of
the Persistent Widow.'***

The need for persistence in prayer was very important to Jesus.

Luke 18:1 (niv)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

...Understanding the Parable

1. The character of the Judge

Luke 18:2 (niv)

He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men."

...Understanding the Parable

2. The distress of the widow

Luke 18:3 (niv)

And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

...Understanding the Parable

3. The difficulty she faced

Luke 18:4a (niv)

For some time he refused...

...Understanding the Parable

4. At last the Judge notices her complaint

Luke 4b-5 (niv)

...but finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 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!'

...Applying the Parable

1. God will listen to His people

If an unjust judge will listen to a persistent widow, how much more will a ***just God*** answer His chosen people!

The Widow vs God's People

A stranger

Only one

At a distance

An unjust judge

On her own

Pleads her case

No assurance of
an answer

Access limited

Asking provoked
judge

His elect

We are many

We can come boldly

A righteous Father

God is for us

Christ our Advocate

Promised it will be
given

Access unlimited

Asking delights God

...Applying the Parable

2. God will stand with His people

Luke 18:7b (niv)

...and will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

His longsuffering may be to give the persecutors time to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 (niv)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

So, why don't people pray?

1. Disobedience to God.
2. Lack of confidence.
3. Wrong priorities.

Conclusion...

**Have you begun to lose heart?
Has your faith weakened?**

**The state of our “*prayer life*”
reveals the true condition of
our faith!**