

# How To Keep From Giving Up

Parables: Common Stories / Kingdom Lessons

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**Kingdom Lesson: Being faithful to the end and not giving up requires learning to pray with persistence.**

## INTRODUCTION

### **Luke 18:1-8–The Parable of the Persistent Widow**

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'<sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

**How do I learn to pray with persistence?**

### **I. Understand What Prayer Is**

Vs. 1-3

### **II. Realize The Character Of Our Heavenly Father**

Vs. 4-6

### **III. Know That God Will Answer Your Prayers In His Way And In His Timing**

Vs. 7-8

### **IV. Utilize Different Prayer Tools**