

The Stories Jesus Told (Series)

The Persistent Widow

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Big Question: What does the parable of the persistent widow teach us about a life of faithful prayer?

Big Idea: *Prayer requires faith that God cares and trust in God's character.*

Introduction: *Cece's cookies*

Know the characters of the parable

- **The Unrighteous Judge:** Has power but does not fear God nor care about people.
- **The Persistent Widow:** Has NO power but will not give up until her request is answered.

Know who the characters represent

- **God:** The point of the parable is God is NOT like the unrighteous judge. He is righteous and He is good so you can trust He will give good things to those who ask.
- **You:** Have no power on your own but will you give up on your requests?

Know the character of God

- God always **cares**
- God never **changes**
- God will **come again** with justice

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Pray without **ceasing**
- Pray with **confession**
- Pray **chasing justice** not just things
- Pray trusting God's **character**

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? 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?"

Luke 18:7-8