

PERMISSION to SPEAK FREELY.

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INTRODUCTION

What can imposing on our neighbor teach us about God and prayer? Apparently, a great deal. Examine a parable told by Jesus in response to a question by one of His disciples and the implications for our prayer lives. You'll find the answer will affect not only what you ask for, but also your understanding of how and when God answers prayer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever prayed for something for a long time but never had your request granted?
2. Have you ever prayed for something for a long time and God answered your request?
3. Read Luke 11:1-10. What do we learn about prayer in these verses?
4. Read Luke 18:1-8. What are the similarities and differences between this parable and the one in Luke 11:5-8?
5. Why does Jesus value persistent prayer?
6. Why are we tempted to stop praying for the same request over and over?
7. What can help you be more persistent in your prayers?
8. What is one thing that you should be boldly banging on the door of heaven for? What in your life is worth consistently praying for?

THINK ABOUT IT

In light of Jesus' instructions on prayer in Luke 11:1-10, how should your daily prayers change?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What two or three bold things will you commit to praying for on a consistent basis?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9

