

Good News From Chardon

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Effective Prayer

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Both in example and in word, Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Some of His parables deal specifically with prayer, teaching us some of the qualities we must have in order to pray effectively.

Our Lord told the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) specifically to make the point “that men ought always to pray and not lose heart” (v. 1). In the parable, an unjust judge finally vindicated a poor widow, not because it was right, but because he was weary of her pleadings. If an unjust judge would help someone about whom he cared nothing, simply because she kept asking, how much more will our loving, righteous Heavenly Father help those “who cry out day and night to Him” (v. 7)? When we become discouraged because it seems that God doesn’t hear our prayers, we ought to remember this parable and keep praying. Though we may not understand why God doesn’t answer our prayers right away, we must trust Him. In prayer, as in many other activities, persistence pays!

At the end of that same parable, Jesus asked a perplexing question: “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (18:18). This points out a second quality needed in prayer. It takes faith to pray acceptably (James 1:6); and it takes even stronger faith to persevere in prayer. Jesus seems to be saying that faith may become a rare commodity on earth before His return. May it not be so with us! Let us cultivate a stronger faith so that we do not grow weary in prayer.

After the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus spoke the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). Here we find a third quality necessary for prayer: humility. The proud Pharisee boasted about his personal goodness to God, while the tax collector humbly begged for mercy. So arrogant was the Pharisee that Jesus said he “prayed thus with himself” (v. 11). His prayer went no higher than the ceiling! On the other hand, the lowly tax collector “went down to his house justified” (v. 14).

Persistence, Faith, and Humility – while these are not the only qualities we need to have in order to pray effectively, they certainly are crucial ones. Keep on praying; keep trusting God to answer according to His will; and humble yourself before Him so that he may lift you up.

Joe Slater preaches for the
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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

222—Faith of Our Fathers

Opening Prayer

Tom

Hymn:

90—Into Our Hands

Scripture Reading:

Ryan

James 1:1-8

Hymn:

301—He Loved Me So

Lord’s Supper:

Ray & Gary

Hymn:

459—The Glory Land Way

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

605—Just As I Am

Closing Hymn:

PRAYER LIST

*Pat is feeling better and looking forward to nice weather so she can be with us again.
 *Richard and Rosemary.
 *Gary & Cindy and their family.
 *Juanita's sister Betty.
 *Mary and her family.
 *Nina's brother, James.
 *Robert and Sara
 *Pat and Ron.
 *Juanita and her family.
 *Larry and Ruth
 *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. His friend Zarna and her family.

CALENDAR

Feb. 16—Bible Study 10 am
 Dale
 Feb. 16—Worship 11 a & 6 p
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 22—a. Ray & Barbara
 Feb. 23—Bible Study 10 am
 Mark
 Feb. 23—Worship 11 a & 6 p
 Speaker: Mark
 Mar. 1—Bible Study 10 am
 Dale
 Mar. 1—Worship 11 a & 6 p
 Speaker: Mark
 Mar. 1—Business Meeting

Profiting from Trials

ABROAD	ANYTHING	BONDSERVANT	BRETHREN
CHRIST	COMPLETE	COUNT	DOUBTING
DRIVEN	FAITH	FALL	FROM
GREETINGS	HAVE	INTO	JAMES
JESUS	KNOWING	LACKING	LIKE
LORD	NOTHING	PATIENCE	PERFECT
PRODUCES	RECEIVE	SCATTERED	SUPPOSE
TESTING	THAT	TOSSED	TRIALS
TRIBES	TWELVE	UNSTABLE	VARIOUS
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Hidden Message: _____,
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Answer to Puzzle: If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
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