

Simple Praying People are :

3. \_\_\_\_\_ People v 15-17

(Verse 17 NIV) "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Big people \_\_\_\_\_ but little people \_\_\_\_\_

Simple Praying People are:

4. \_\_\_\_\_ People v 18-27

(Verse 24 NIV) "Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

It is hard for God to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_

until you come to Him with \_\_\_\_\_ hands and \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.

Simple Praying People:

5. \_\_\_\_\_ People v 35-43

\_\_\_\_\_ prayer is \_\_\_\_\_

(Verse 41 NIV) "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied."

(Verse 42 NIV) "Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

(Galatians 3:11 NIV) ..... "The righteous will live by faith."

Do you live by security or by signs or by senses or by sight or by

FAITH THROUGH PRAYER



# A Life of Prayer

## Sermon Outline

### Week 6: Simple Praying People Luke 18:1-43

#### Series Overview:

Prayer is not an optional activity of a 'Follower of Jesus', it is central to our faith. Yet many of us struggle to maintain a regular, dynamic prayer life.

We at Lismore Baptist Church have dedicated this present season to listening and responding to God, therefore we will spend this time through our preaching and teaching ministry focusing on prayer, with the hope of God transforming not only our individual prayer life, but also that of our faith community.

We invite you to join with us to explore the possibility of real and lasting prayer transformation, through our weekly Sunday sermons, regular Growth Groups, and our personal devotional times.

May God bless you.

**Luke 18:1-8** This parable does not teach us to pray, as we already know our God and our desire is to pray to Him regularly. We know what is right and wrong, we know we have a home in heaven, we know the many things we need to pray for. Prayer should be special part of our daily life, just as breathing is, eating and drinking is. We don't need to be told to do this, they come naturally.

This parable teaches us how to pray. The point here is the passionate and frequency, the perseverance, the persistence in prayer. We are to daily praise our God, our very being encourages us to give thanks to our wonderful God. If we don't pray, we go to battle, having left our weapons behind us in our house; to go to our daily work without the strength gained by our morning meal; to attempt the bar where the ocean roars and rocks hide their rugged heads without taking our pilot on board.

The parable teaches persevering prayer. As one writer says; "It is hard, fainting work—praying. It is harder to pray than to preach. We do not believe what we profess, nor feel what we say, nor wish what we ask; or, if we do, we do not take the right way of getting it. And how can we expect God to answer prayer when He sees, what we ourselves might see, that we are not earnest? If we were we would be urgent, praying in the house, by the way, on our beds, at our business. It would be an important and essential part of our daily life'

By constant dripping the water wears a hole in the hardest stone. And who, as he sat on a jutting rock, amid the spray of the roaring, flashing cataract, has not marked how by her constant flow the river has polished its rugged sides, and worn out smooth gutters for its streams. So, as it is only perseverance in grace that can carry us up to heaven, it is only perseverance in prayer that can bring its blessings down."

There are several "editions" of mankind introduced in this chapter, and each one has a spiritual lesson to teach us. Being a compassionate physician, Dr. Luke wrote about widows and politicians, Pharisees and publicans, little children and adults, rich men and beggars.

### SIMPLE PRAYING PEOPLE

Bible Reading: Luke 18:1-43

(Verse 1 NIV) "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Simple Praying People are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ People v 2-8

(Matthew 7:7 NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

(Verse 7 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?"

Concerned people are not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

Simple Praying People are:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ People v 9-14

(Verse 13 NIV) "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

The Proud: \_\_\_\_\_

The Humble: \_\_\_\_\_

(Verse 14 NIV) "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalts themselves will be humbled, and those who humbles themselves will be exalted."