



## Persistence

Jesus: Architect of My Personality - Part 5 of 7  
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**Big Idea:** God honors persistence in prayer.

**Text:** Luke 18:1-8

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. – Exodus 17:11-13

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town that kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' " – Luke 18:1-5

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 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." – Luke 18:6-8a

"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" – Matthew 7:11

## BENEFITS OF PERSISTING IN PRAYER

**1. It allows us time to** \_\_\_\_\_.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. – 1 Corinthians 10:31

**2. We find our own attitudes and behaviors** \_\_\_\_\_.

“I saw God face to face.” – Genesis 32:30b

**3. It instills in us a** \_\_\_\_\_.

You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. – Deuteronomy 8:17-18

“However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” – Luke 18:8b