

# Prayer: Our Lifeline To God

## Getting Back To The Basics Series - Part Two

### Luke 18:1-8

#### #1 - Prayer's Importance, vs. 1

Luke tells us before Jesus' parable why Jesus told this parable. To demonstrate to the disciples the importance of prayer. Two key factors about prayer Jesus wanted to stress:

- We should pray at all times
- We shouldn't get discouraged in our prayers

#### #2 - The Insistent Widow, vs. 2-5

Here in Jesus' story, a widow has few rights and fewer people to turn to for protection in times of trouble and adversity. So, she appeals to the only one she can turn to, a judge. However, this judge seems unwilling to help her. But, she is insistent and repeatedly appeals to him for help. Seeing that she is tenacious in her appeals, finally gives her the help and protection she desired.

What's interesting is that Jesus adds a comment to the motives of this judge when he relents to the widows repeated requests. Jesus tells us in vs. 4 & 5 that he was motivated to act only because of her tenacity.

#### #3 - The Application, vs. 6-8

Jesus tells His disciples that if an ungodly judge will listen and respond, how much more will God, who loves and cares for us, listen and respond to our prayers.