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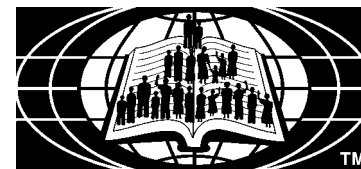
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PRAY AND MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD DAILY, WITH FAITH

Jesus then told them this parable, to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged.

“There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected men. And there was a widow in that same town that kept coming to him and pleading for her rights: ‘Help me against my opponent!’ For a long time the judge was not willing, but at last he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or respect men, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me I will see to it that she gets her rights; or else she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!’”

And the Lord continued, “Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him for help day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you he will judge in their favor and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?”

PRACTICAL WORK

- Pray daily, and teach your family to do the same.



- Using the illustration, tell your family and friends the parables of the persistent widow, also of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

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The apostle Paul wrote: *“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the man who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good work.”*

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Learn many scriptures by heart. This will help you to witness to others of Christ. King David said, in the psalms: *“I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”*
(Psalm 119:11)

LEARN BY HEART

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. “Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, ‘I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or immoral, like everybody else; I thank you that I am not like that tax collector. I fast two days every week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.’”

“But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, ‘God, have pity on me, a sinner!’ I tell you,” said Jesus, “this man, and not the other, was in the right with God when he went home. Because everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great.” (Luke 18:1-14)

The widow kept on begging the judge to help her. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 exhorts us to pray “at all times.” In the Lord’s Prayer, Christ teaches us to ask for our DAILY bread.

Do you commit yourself, before God, to pray daily? _____

Will you have prayers with your family every day? _____

The Pharisee prayed with pride, not with faith. The tax collector humbled himself before God.

How should we enter God's presence in prayer? How should we approach the King of kings?

- ☐ Insisting on our needs, like angry bulls.
- ☐ Meekly, like lambs, but with confident faith.

Jesus said that those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great.

Which prayer did God hear?

- ☐ The Pharisee's proud declaration.
- ☐ The humble prayer of the sinner.

God hears the sinner asking for forgiveness.

What should our daily prayers include?

- ☐ Thanksgiving.
- ☐ Confessing our sins to God and thanking Him for forgiveness.
- ☐ Praise and adoration (spoken and sung).
- ☐ Petition (for others and for oneself).

All these are aspects of prayer.

When the devil tempted the Lord Jesus Christ in the desert, saying to Him: *"If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread,"* Jesus answered, *"Man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that God speaks."* (Matthew 4:3-4)

A Christian reads and meditates on the Word of God daily. That is how he understands God's will for his life. Begin with the New Testament, reading a portion daily.

Have you committed yourself to read and meditate on the Word of God daily? _____