

## **Pinciples Of Prayer**

Put some P.O.P. into your Christian walk.

***And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1***

**“Persistent Prayer”** – (Seventh in the series)

Keep on praying, don't quit, it's never too late with God. The parable Jesus told in Luke 18 was about an unjust judge who didn't care about God or men but helped a woman because she wore him out with her requests; she didn't give up. Jesus said, “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him”, v. 7.

Have you ever wondered, for example on 9/11, why some were not killed or not even in the building that day? Jesus speaks to this in Luke 13: 1-9. A tower fell and killed 18 and the people were asking the same questions. Jesus spoke a parable about a tree that didn't bear fruit but a guy said, “Don't cut it down, I'll fertilize it and let's see what happens.” That's intercession. Maybe some lives were spared because a grandmother had been praying! It's so important for us NOT to quit praying for our loved ones. It may mean life or death to them!

And, while we're praying, interceding, stand in faith for the outcome. The Shunammite woman in 2 Kings 4:8-37 had her son die and she went to Elisha, the man of God, for help. He asked her how it was with her and her family and she said, “It is well”! Now, that's faith! But Elisha sent his servant to raise the boy, he couldn't, so Elisha went himself. He tried two more times then the child sneezed and opened his eyes. Three times. And the mother's faith was strong.

Then, in Exodus 32, God wanted to wipe out the Israelites for making the golden calf and told Moses, “Leave me alone.”, (v. 10). But Moses “besought the Lord” for mercy, reminded Him of His promises concerning the people, and, in verse 14, God changed His mind.

Be persistent in prayer, don't give up, stand in faith, ask for mercy, and know God's promises about your situation. It's in the Book.