

Always Prayer and Never Give Up

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Questions: How would you describe your “step forward” in prayer over the last 21 days? What is one thing you have done that is helpful and you can continue to do in the coming weeks?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and Colossians 4:2

**If something is worth praying about,
it is worth praying about persistently.**

Read Luke 18:1–8

Questions: What are the contrasts between this judge and God? What is this story saying about prayer? Where are the points of tension?

Faith = trust in God.

Ways that God answers prayer quickly:

- **God answers quickly...with “No.”**

God has left Himself a discretionary power [in prayer]. Had He not done so, prayer would be an activity too dangerous for man.
C.S. Lewis

- **God answers quickly...with “Grow.”**

Read 2 Corinthians 12:8–9

When it seems like God isn’t answering your prayer quickly **ask “God, what else are you doing?”**

**Great faith is a product of great fights.
Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests.
Great triumphs can only come out of great trials.**
Smith Wigglesworth

- **God answers quickly...but it seems “slow”**

God is not in my story; I am in his.
I belong to his story: history.
My story is mystery.

Read Isaiah 55:8–9; 2 Peter 3:3–4, 8–10

God’s not putting you off, God’s working his plan!

Questions: What is the most difficult prayer that you have had to wait for? How does looking at the big picture of “God’s story” affect how you pray?

**We need to change our prayer approach from
“as soon as possible” to “as long as it takes.”**
Mark Batterson