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LUKE 18:1-17

APPROACHING GOD

**Jesus invites us to approach God with
persistent faith, repentant humility
and an idealistic trust.**



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The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’



⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself,
‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think,
⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she
gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”
⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.
⁷ 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?

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⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

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12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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The Little Children and Jesus

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them.

¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said,
“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you,
anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child
will never enter it.”

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- **A Widow**



- A Widow
- A Judge



- A Widow
- A Judge
- A Pharisee



- A Widow
- A Judge
- A Pharisee
- A Tax Collector



- A Widow
- A Judge
- A Pharisee
- A Tax Collector
- A Child



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- Approach with Faith
- Do I have persistence in my prayer life?



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2. HUMILITY



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- What is my posture when I go to God?
 - Thankful
 - Humble
 - Repentant
 - Confident



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- Approach with humility
- What is my posture when I go to God?
 - Thankful
 - Demanding
 - Humble
 - Repentant
 - Confident



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2. What posture do I have when I come to God?



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Questions:

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2. What posture do I have when I come to God?
3. How can I trust God more?





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