

Praying with Persistence

Prayer & Fasting – Part 3

“So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer.”

Ezra 8:23 (NLT)

“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.”

Luke 18:1 (NLT)

Why God Wants Me to Pray Persistently

1) It keeps me focused on Him.

“My eyes are always looking to the Lord for help. He will keep me from any traps.” Psalm 25:15 (NCV)

“Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.” Psalm 105:4 (NLT)

2) It filters my desires.

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires.” Psalm 37:4 (NLT)

3) It strengthens my character.

“...I will test with fire, purifying them like silver, testing them like gold. Then they will call on me, and I will answer them...”

Zechariah 13:9 (NCV)

“...the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character...”

Deuteronomy 8:2 (NIV)

4) It deepens my faith.

“... God withdrew from Hezekiah in order to test him and to see what was really in his heart.” 2 Chronicles 32:31 (NLT)

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we DON’T GIVE UP.”

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)