

Continually Pray Every Day Without Delay! From Upsidedown Town Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great leaders know that God desires their prayers and that persistence in prayer may be the only way to a breakthrough.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should be persistent in our prayer life by spending time with God every day.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Parable of the Persistent Widow. (*Luke 18:1-8*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: PRAY LIKE THE WIND

Give each member of your family a pinwheel, or have each person make a pinwheel. Have everyone blow slowly on the pinwheel to keep it moving. Talk to your family about how windmills have the power to pump water, or to produce electricity, but only when the wind is blowing them. Remind your family that the Bible Verse this week tells us to never stop praying. Remind them that praying to God is like the pinwheel. Prayer has the power to change a lot of things, but only when we do it consistently.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Continually Pray Every Day Without Delay*
(File name: Elevate_PRAYER2_UDT_L5_ContinuallyPrayEveryDayWithoutDelay.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8 in your Bible. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Fill in the blank: Persistence is asking and _____.
2. True or false? Whining is thoughtful, patient, and respectful.
3. What's the difference between whining and persistence?
4. Persistence is such a good thing that Jesus said we should be persistent when we do what?
5. What did the judge continually do to the widow who came before him to ask for justice?
6. When the judge kept denying the widow's request, what did the widow do?

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7. What did the judge do as a result of the widow's persistence?
8. Why did Jesus tell this story to His disciples?
9. If we pray for selfish things, or things that we know God wouldn't want us to have, will it matter how persistent we are?
10. If we pray for something that we think God would want us to have, what should we do?

Start a list of your prayer requests, and write the date next to each one. Pray for each request every day until God answers that prayer. Be sure you pray for those things persistently every day. Then, write down what things you can do to help make those requests happen, and be sure to do those things. When God answers your prayer, write down the date, and how God answered your prayer. Continue to bring your requests to God with a good attitude. Don't give up or get impatient, because God will answer your prayer.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.
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1. Working.
2. False.
3. Persistence is patient and faithful.
4. Pray.
5. Send her away.
6. She kept coming back.
7. Listened to her. Granted her request.
8. He wanted them to pray with the same persistence the widow had.
9. No.
10. Pray with persistence.