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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

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That you may have certainty!

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Caption?

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PRAYING WITH PERSISTENCE

Luke 18:1-8

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PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

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What point was Jesus trying to make to His disciples with this parable?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing"

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John 16:33

"In this life you will have trouble," Jesus said.

How did Jesus describe the judge in this story?

Why does Jesus warn His disciples about people like this judge?

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How are we like
the widow?

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Why was the woman in this story especially helpless?

What did the widow need from the judge?

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How did the judge respond to the widow?

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Why did the judge finally give in to the woman's request?

What was it about the woman that finally won over the judge?

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What is the point of this rhetorical question from Jesus?

If such an insensitive and unrighteous judge responds to persistent pleas, how much more will a righteous God?

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Why is the 2nd question a bit more challenging?

How do we rightly interpret tough passages like this?

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Go back to verse 1, what is the context of this parable?

What is Jesus telling them not to give up on?

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What type of
justice?

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When will this swift
vindication occur?

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- Where is Jesus headed?
- What will happen in Jerusalem?
- What happens the 3rd day after His crucifixion?
- What happens 40-days after His resurrection?
- What will His disciples be looking for then?
- How will the world treat them in the interim?

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- So, Jesus taught them [and us] to:
 - ❖ Pray without ceasing for His return
 - ❖ Never give up hope!
- We pray for justice like the widow, but ultimate vindication will come when Jesus returns to establish His kingdom on earth.
- That vindication will come swiftly, as we learned last week, and it will be visible by everyone on earth.



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- Disciples are to look forward to the day when Jesus will return and defend His people by exercising righteous judgment over the whole earth.
- Our blessed hope is not only that we will be with God forever, but that unrighteousness will be judged and removed from the earth for all eternity.
- Until then, Jesus teaches His disciples to walk by faith, pray constantly for His return, and remain watchful!
- Let us be persistent in our prayers, joining the Apostle John in praying; "Come, Lord Jesus!"