

Connect360: Never Give Up

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- *Lesson 6 in the Connect360 unit "Prayer That Moves Heaven: Power With Purpose" focuses on Luke 18:1-8.*

The woman in the parable not only continued to show up to the judge's court, but she also showed up with the same request and the same demand she had to begin with. Her posture was unchanged. She was consistent, but she also was passionate. She believed what she was praying for was right. She knew in her heart what she was asking for was in the judge's ability and the right thing to do.

There is an assessment in our heart that has to happen to make sure we are maintaining the fire in our prayers. We have to have the belief that God has the power to grant our requests and be settled that what we are asking for matches God's heart. It is a twofold process of honoring his power and humbling our posture.

The judge exposed how passionately she was praying when he said regardless of the fact that I do not fear God or people (18:4), I have to grant this woman's request because she keeps bothering me (18:5). She asked so much, she made him step out of character and grant her request. How amazing that the persistence and passion of this woman caused the unjust judge to give a righteous judgment!

The passion was there, because a judge who did not care what people thought said he was scared she may attack him (18:5). The words from her mouth were so passionate and persistent, he began to fear his own livelihood if he did not come through. It was worth changing who he was in order to satisfy her.

Jesus told the disciples to pay attention to this judge. If this judge did this as an unjust judge, imagine what God will do as the righteous Judge. God will bring about justice quickly as the great and righteous Judge. He will move quickly. Quickly may not be your timing, but it will be in time. My grandmother would say, "God may not come when you want him to, but he is always right on time."

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