



## A Persistent Communicator

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#### Four Key Elements of Prayer:

1. Ought—It is necessary to pray; it is proper; one should pray
2. Always—At all times
3. Pray—Jesus teaches about prayer because He prayed and did it often during His earthly ministry.
4. Not lose heart—Become discouraged; grow weary; lose enthusiasm.

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#### Contrast: Widow and Believers:

1. We are children of God and God cares for us.
2. We have open access into the Father’s presence.
3. We have an advocate; we have a high priest.
4. We have the very Word of God to claim.
5. We go to the throne of Grace.
6. We have all God’s riches to meet our every need.

#### Contrast: Judge and the Father:

1. God is holy and loves His children.
2. God does not have to be bribed.
3. God answers our prayers for His glory and our good.
4. God will always answer our prayers, either quickly or delayed.

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- If the unjust judge would give justice, then imagine how God (the just Judge) will answer our prayers and provide for our needs quickly.

#### Conclusion

1. When it comes to our identity, it is important to practice raising our concerns and constantly seek the Father.
2. We are to be persistent communicators because God always is willing to hear.
3. We have an intimate relationship with the Father.
4. He stands ready at a moment’s notice.
5. We should always pray and not lose heart because the Father loves us.