

Give God All You Got

Luke 11:9-11

One day when Jesus was praying in a certain place, upon finishing, the disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. John had taught his disciples to pray so they desired to know how also. Two of John's disciples had left him to follow Jesus, and they followed him for the rest of their lives.

Jesus taught them how to pray, although they did not understand the value of prayer. We pray because we need him to provide resources for us, and we need him to go to war on our behalf.

Jesus gave them an example of a person who was persistent in acquiring food from his friend at midnight for a visitor. The friend was reluctant to get up out of his bed and assist him, but because of his shameless audacity he helped him. Jesus is showing us not to quit, but that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. If you are shamelessly persistent you will get what you ask for.

Another example of persistence was that of the widow who beseeched the judge for justice for her adversary. She needled him to the point that he gave up and gave her the justice she sought.

We have to cry out to God day and night. How bad do we want what we ask for? We too have to be persistent.

Luke gives us a peak into the inner life of Jesus, and shows us he was serious about three things in particular. Of first importance was going to the cross, which he explained to the disciples. Peter rebuked the Lord that it wouldn't happen, but he in turn rebuked Peter.

Jesus was adamant about prayer, and he often stole away to a quiet place to pray. When he went to the temple and the money changers were there, he turned all of them out of the temple and said that it would be a house of prayer.

And Jesus was serious about people being saved. When we are saved, Jesus will give us the gift of the Holy Ghost who leads and guides to all truth. If you continue asking, knocking and seeking, God will give you good gifts.

Don't be afraid to be alone with him. Ask the Holy Ghost to teach you all things. The Holy Ghost will bring into full alignment with God.