



KEEP ON KNOCKING, BUT YOU CAN'T COME IN!

“The Story of the Persistent Friend”

(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 8/2/09 - AM)

Text: Luke 11:5-8

Introduction: This parable follows two very important events. First, Jesus had just returned from a period of prayer. Second, His disciples had asked Him to teach them how to pray. He began by praying with them (model prayer/Lord’s prayer) and addressing the “who,” “how,” and “what” of prayer before addressing the “why” as he tells the parable of the persistent friend. . . .

Discussion:

I. THE PERSISTENT FRIEND

Luke 11:9

Philippians 4:13

Romans 8:28-31

Galatians 5:13, 6:10

Matthew 28:20

I Peter 4:10

II. THE PATIENT NEIGHBOR

Philippians 4:19

John 8:12

John 6:35

Matthew 11:28-30

John 4:10

Luke 18:1-8

III. THE PERSUASIVE PRAYER

James 5:16

Luke 6:12-13

Matthew 27:46

Mark 1:35

John 17

Matthew 26:36-46

Luke 5:16

Matthew 26:36-46

Luke 11:9-13

Conclusion: Don’t ever quit praying. Persistence with God will always pay off. He will be by your side through it all. He will not let you down! Nothing can change the fact that God is still GOD! Why don’t you surrender everything to Him? Come to Jesus and let Him take control of your life! Keep on knocking, and God will let you in. . . .

WORD OF THE DAY = “PRAY”