

Like Children
Luke 18:1-17
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Jesus teaches us as He taught both disciples and unbelievers their respective lessons on prayer. He said:

- 1) Believers must seek God (in prayer) **persistently** (v.1-8). *To his disciples...*
 - a. God **provides** for his own children.
 - b. God **cares** for his own children.
 - c. God desires that his children remain **faithful**.
 - God may not answer **when we want** and He may not **answer how we want** but God will always answer.
 - Believers, we do not always pray so that God will do something; we pray so that God can **do something in us**.
- 2) Worshippers must seek God (in prayer) **humbly**. (v.9-14) *To those who trust in themselves...*
 - a. **Pride** keeps us from God. The
 - i. Some believe in salvation by **comparison**. (v.11).
 - ii. Some believe in salvation by **abstaining** (v.11)
 - iii. Some believe in salvation by **performance** (v.12)
 - b. **Humility** brings us to God (v.13-14)
 - i. He stood apart in **obscurity**.
 - ii. He stood humbled by his **guilt**.
 - iii. He stood and **cried** out for mercy.
- 3) Everyone must seek God **like children** - in total **dependence** (v.15-17)
 - a. Let the little children **come**! Jesus has time for children.
 - b. Do not **hinder** the Children!
 - c. **All** must come **like children**.

No one is going to enter the kingdom that does not abandon his own efforts, confess his sin and call out for mercy like a **dependent** child!