

***Persistence in Prayer***  
**Matthew 15:21-28**  
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Main Point:

Despite any obstacles you may face, be persistent in faith-fueled prayer, humbly anticipating your requests to be granted eventually.

1. You will often face obstacles in life that will tempt you not to pray.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Despite the obstacles, the Lord wants you to be persistent in prayer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. To be persistent, your prayers must be fueled by faith in Jesus.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Persistent prayer is the God-ordained path that leads to requests granted.

**Quotations and Cross-References**

**Ephesians 6:18** <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- (NKJV)

**Matthew Henry** “When the answers of prayer are deferred, God is thereby teaching us to pray more ... Disappointments in the success of prayer, must be excitements to the duty of prayer.”

**J.C. Ryle** “We may have to wait many a long year: we may seem to pray in vain, and intercede without profit; but let us never give up, while life lasts.”

**David Whitla** “Great faith clings to His Word and what you know of His nature, and not exclusively to your interpretation of His providence.”

**Luke 11:9-10** <sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. (NKJV)

**J.C. Ryle** “Let us be sure that no time is so well spent in every day as that which we spend upon our knees.”