

Guilt-Free Prayer

Why Do We Give Up?

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Ways We Feel Bad About Prayer:

Luke 18:1-8 ¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

God Answers _____, _____, or _____

Why Might God Say No?

1. It Might Be Because of _____.
2. It Might Be Because of Someone Else's _____ Will.
3. It Might Be Because of the _____ of Our _____.

The One Thing

When I've Been Praying and Everything in Me is Ready to Give Up,
Keep _____, Because the Surest Way to Hear "No" is to
_____ it _____

Two Alternatives:

1. God Doesn't _____. So I'm Going to Give _____.

OR

2. God Didn't Answer My Prayer. So I'm Going to _____ My Faith and _____ that God Knows Something I Don't.