When You Pray, Do Not Give Up

"Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

What Prayer Is Not

It is not motivating God to do something.

It is not telling God needs that need to be met.

• It is not getting God to change His mind.

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill" (Numbers 23:19)?

What Prayer Is

• It is the means of developing our relationship with God.

• Perseverance in prayer builds character and faithfulness.

Persistent prayer keeps us from drifting away.

What We Must Remember

We must develop the right attitude for prayer.

We must pray honestly.

We remember God's ways are not our ways.

We must never give up!

"Now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth (Luke 18:7-8)?