

TO HELP US STUDY

1. According to 18:1, what lesson was Jesus teaching with the first prayer parable? _____

2. Describe the judge in the first story: _____

3. What did the widow want? _____
4. How did she get her wish? _____
5. How often should we pray for things we need or want? _____
6. According to 18:9, what is the second parable about? _____

7. What was a Pharisee? _____
8. What was a tax collector (publican—KJV)? _____

9. Describe the Pharisee's prayer: _____

10. What did the tax collector pray? _____
11. Which prayer did Jesus like? _____ Why? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray." (This is KJV.)
Older ones—Matthew 6:5-6

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Notice that the parable about the unjust judge is a "reverse" parable. Jesus has to explain that God is *not* like that judge. On the back of this sheet list the ways God is not like him.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

The best way to teach any child is by doing. If our lesson is about helping others, we ought to encourage the child to do some particular service for another person. If it is about worshipping God, we should provide the child a special opportunity to worship. What better way to teach a lesson like this one about prayer than to actually pray with our children and to teach them to pray?

Do your children pray? If they can talk, they are old enough to pray. We may want to begin with simple bedtime prayers or with prayers of thanks for food. But we might use this lesson to help our older children branch out to more individual, mature prayers. This is a good time to teach them to keep their prayers simple and direct, expressions of their own feelings and thoughts.

Does your family often pray together? Not just at the dinner table. Do you have a time each day when your family pauses to talk to God and thus to become God-centered? Nothing can draw us closer together as a family. Nothing can demonstrate our faith in God more fully to our children. Nothing can bring more strength and peace to our families than daily family prayer.

As we study this lesson, let's take advantage of the occasion to start some good prayer habits in our homes.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 6:5-13; Lk 11:1-11; Phil 4:6-7; Mk 14:38; Rom 8:26; 1 Cor 14:15; Eph 6:18; Col 4:3-4; 1 Thes 5:17; Jas 5:16.