

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#41 – “The Importance of Persistent Prayer” – Luke 11:5-13

I. Introduction.

A. The concern is over prayer.

1. So far we have noted Jesus’ prototype for prayer - Lk 11:1-4

- a. Petitions concerning God.
- b. Petitions concerning man.

B. The narrative now changes to P_____.

1. Luke 11:5-10

II. Exposition

A. Luke 11:5-6

1. The story is meant to be absurd.

a. “Which of you”

2. The importance of neighbors.

3. The household was longtime in bed.

B. Luke 11:7

1. The door is shut and families often slept in one room.

C. Luke 11:8

1. Persistence is highlighted.

2. Meaning of the term – S_____, I_____.

A_____, and B_____.

D. Luke 11:9-10

1. S_____ H_____

2. Three present tense verbs.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. There must be a balance in prayer.

a. James 4:2-3

E. Luke 11:11-12

1. The Principle – The promise rests upon the principle.

a. From the lesser to the greater.

F. Luke 11:13

1. The Premise

2. Total depravity in view.

a. Evil – Matt. 13:19; Eph. 6:15; II Thess. 3:3

3. Holy Spirit as climax of the story.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Persistence is an indication of the soul’s confidence.

B. God always gives us His best.

C. Pleading before God is a common occurrence among the saints.