

Insights from Luke

#41: "The Importance of Persistent Prayer"

Luke 11:5-13

Luke 11:5-6

"⁵ Then He said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.'"

Luke 11:7

"⁷ ...and from inside he answers and says, "Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'"

Luke 11:8

"⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

Persistence – ANAIDEIA
shamelessness, insolence,
audacity, and boldness.

Luke 11:9-10

"⁹ '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. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened."

Luke 11:11-12

“¹¹ Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?”

James 4:2-3

“² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

Luke 11:13

“¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

Matthew 13:19

“¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.”

Ephesians 6:16

“¹⁶ ...in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

II Thessalonians 3:3

“³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”

Persistence is an indication of the soul's confidence.

God always gives us His best.

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