

Text: Luke 18:1-34  
Topics: Faith, Prayer, Pride, Wealth  
Series: That You Know Jesus

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## A Practical Faith

Show your faith by:

### I. Prayers (1-8)

persevering prayer,

### II. Prides (9-17)

childlike humility,

### III. Possessions (18-34)

and valuing eternal life over temporal life.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Luke 18:1-8. What is the purpose of Jesus' parable? What do the judge and the widow teach us about God and us?

What might we wrongly assume Jesus is teaching us about prayer?

Have you "lost heart" over an unanswered prayer? How can this parable and Jesus' application encourage you?

2. Read Luke 18:9-14. What do the Pharisee and the tax collector illustrate about being righteous and just before God?

What are some of the things we do as Christians that might tempt us to feel righteous before God? Are you especially vulnerable to any of these?

How can we keep from falling into spiritual pride like this?

3. Jesus urges children to be brought to Him, and everyone to have childlike faith in Luke 18:15-17. What words come to mind for you as characterizing "childlike"?

Why would Jesus want us to have faith like that?

4. Read Luke 18:18-25. Jesus' interaction with the rich ruler illustrates how powerful wealth can be in our lives, and the effect it can have on our spirituality. Do you feel tension between how you use your wealth and how you think (or perhaps fear) God might want you to use it? Explain.

Do verses 26-30 help or add to the tension?

5. How does Luke 18:31-34 show what Jesus believes about wealth and the kingdom of God? How are these verses encouraging to you?