

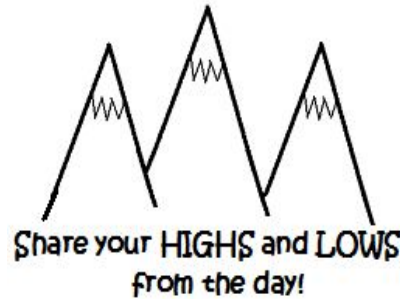
The Family Table Devos

“Families practicing the presence of God with the Word of God on the week of October 17th”

Bible Focus Luke 18:1-8

1Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my enemy.' 4"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' " 6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The Word of the Lord! THANKS BE TO GOD!



Describe a time that you didn't give up – even though you wanted to!



1. Why do you think people stop praying?
2. What did the woman in Jesus' parable want from the judge?
3. Why did the judge finally give the woman what she wanted?
4. The Judge just gave in because the woman kept bugging him! The judge didn't ask what her enemy had done wrong. The judge didn't try to be fair – he just did what she asked so she would stop pestering him. God ALWAYS answers our prayers. It may not always seem like it – because sometimes His answer is no. God answers NO because He knows what's best for us and because He takes the time to be just and fair. Think of a time that the answer to one of your prayers was no.

<<<<**FAMILY CHALLENGE**>>>> Pick a person to pray for as a family. Pray that God may B.L.E.S.S. him or her. Have each person pick a letter of BLESS. The family member who chooses "B" is responsible for praying for the person's BODY (or health). "L" is responsible for praying for the person's LABOR (or job). "E" is responsible for praying for the person's EMOTIONAL well-being (or happiness, contentedness, security). "S" is responsible for praying for the person's SOCIAL well-being (or friends, family). The second "S" is responsible for praying for the person's SPIRITUAL well-being (or closeness to God, prayer life).

