

Persevering Prayer by Dr. Julie Chambliss

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There is much power to be had in *persevering* prayer.

Remember the “importunate friend” of **Luke 11:8**

Jesus said ...”*I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet **because of his persistence he will rise and give him as much as he needs.**” Luke 11:8*

So, too, will the Lord rise up and give us what we are seeking. And remember the comforting and strengthening words of 1 John:

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, **that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. 1 John 5:14-15*

Perseverance is one of the greatest tests of the Christian life because we are often so tempted to give up in our praying.

Jesus goes on and says, “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**. For **everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**” Luke 11:9-10

Oh beloved, as we cry out for the people of Coweta County to be saved and to know the Lord more each day, let us be persistent in our prayers. Our God will answer!!