

ENDURANCE

Persistent Widow

LESSON POINTS

- Endurance means to never give up.
- Endurance sometimes requires persistence.
- To endure you have to believe in what you are doing.
- Endurance is to keep trying even when you don't see results.

BIBLE TEXT

Persistent Widow – Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told a story about a widow that needed help, but the judge would not pay attention to her. She kept asking and would not let the matter rest. Because the widow endured and would not give up, the judge finally decided to help her. Jesus told this story to show how important it is to keep praying and never quit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a time when you have to do something over and over before you get a good result? Tell about it.
2. What is something you have been persistent about?
3. When is it time to give up?
4. What is something important to you that you have endurance for?

MINISTRY IDEA

Am I Persistent?

Have a time for children to spend in prayer asking God in what ways they are not being persistent or giving up too easily. They are to listen for His answer then ask God why they are to be persistent in this situation. His answer will give them the encouragement they need to keep at it. If children are not hearing anything from God or they have heard something that confuses them, have them go and pray with a leader.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Debate

Stage a debate. Have a volunteer try to convince you why their favorite food is the best, college team is the best or favorite restaurant is the best. Try to convince them otherwise. See if they are persistent or easily persuaded to think differently.

Historical Event

Talk about a time when someone was persistent and something amazing was accomplished and maybe even changed history. Protesting for the ten commandments to stay in court in Alabama, etc.

DEFINITION

Endurance - the ability to hold up or last, especially under strain or suffering.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

God will never leave or forsake us.
John 14:15-19; Deuteronomy 31:6;
Hebrews 13:5-6

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.
2 Timothy 2:10-12 (NKJ)