

Shameless Audacity(e)

"...because of your shameless audacity(e) He will surely get up and give you as much as you need" (Luke 11:8).

I was reading the other day in Luke 11 in the New International Version, and verse 8 jumped out at me. So I am going with it. Wanna guess what stuck out?

Shameless Audacity(e).....and it's in the Word of God...

"Because of your shameless audacity He will surely get up and give you as much as need."

I don't know about you, but I want to be a shamelessly audacious where prayer is concerned. A person who is shamelessly audacious in prayer is- blatant, outrageous, unabashed, overt, unconcealed, and persistent.

We need Audacity(e) when it comes to prayer. Audacity means- the willingness to take bold risks. Praying causes us to take bold risks. Jesus told his disciples that they should always pray and not give up, "because of your shameless audacity prayers He will surely give you what you need!"

Jesus is teaching in this parable (The Importunate Friend), a truth He wants us to grab hold of. He is telling us to prevail in prayer without doubting the Father's love. Persevering in prayer. Persisting in prayer. Not giving up until the answer comes (whatever that answer may be!).

In spite of difficulty or opposition we need to be continually praying. Shameless audacity(e) in prayer is an intimate way in which we commune with God continually concerning matters in life. This passage shows us that this type of persistence moves the heart of God.

Jesus teaches throughout this passage (Luke 11:1-13) that we are to continue to pray until we receive the answer. That continued prayer is not a sign of little faith, but of shameless audacious prayer.

In other words- Pray with boldness and persistence.

Jesus knows when our hearts are troubled. A heavily troubled heart can lead to doubt, and doubt can lead to sin of unbelief. Jesus is calling. He is calling to keep praying. He is calling to not lose heart. He is calling to continue in spite of difficulty. Be encouraged it's time to persevere in prayer against all odds. Our persistence doesn't change God, it changes us.

There are other places in Luke where Jesus basically tells us to be firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition (Luke 18:1) is another example.

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” (KJ)

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up” (NIV).

Shameless Audacity(e) - - prevailing prayer - - persisting - - persevering prayer—is utterly important for us.

Jesus is saying to you today, "Don't lose your motivation. Don't get discouraged in prayer. Don't stop praying."

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