"Prayer that Won't Give Up"   Luke 18:1-8

    I.   We must make prayer our <u>lifestyle</u>

"Pray continually" (I Thessalonians 5:17)

    II.   We must pray <u>persistently</u>

        A. Persistent prayer takes <u>time</u>

        B. Persistent prayer takes <u>patience</u>

        C. Persistent prayer takes <u>faith</u>

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and the he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

    III.   We must remember who we are

        A. We are <u>children of God</u>

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!" (I John 3:1)

        B. We access to our <u>Heavenly Father</u>

"In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." (Ephesians 3:12)

        C. We have an <u>advocate</u> in Jesus

"Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8:34)

        D. We have the <u>promises</u> of God

"He has given us his very great and precious promises." (2 Peter 1:4)

    IV.   We must remember the nature of God

        A. We pray to God who <u>loves us</u>

        B. We pray to God who <u>listens to us</u>

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer." (I Peter 3:12)

        C. We pray to God who is <u>righteous</u>

        D. We pray to God who is <u>giving</u>

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." (James 1:17)

V.   We must trust in God as we pray

      A. Persistent prayer helps us to know <u>God's will</u>

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us –whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him." (I John 5:14)

      B. Persistent prayer helps us to trust <u>God's timing</u>

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. " (Isaiah 55:8)

      C. Persistent prayer can strengthen our <u>faith</u>

      D. Persistent prayer allows God to <u>change us</u>