

"WAITING ON THE LORD"

(Praying Effectively - Lesson four)

(Luke 18:1-8)

Fact: One of the most difficult things you will ever do is to wait on the Lord!
It is one of the most spiritually valuable things you can do *(Isaiah 64:4)*

I. WHILE YOU WAIT ON GOD, CONTINUE TO PRAY

**Luke 18:1*

Fact: It was the widow's importunity which obtained favor with judge. *(Luke 18:3-5)*

Fact: Importunity is demonstrated by persistence without a visible answer.
(I Thessalonians 5:17 / Acts 12:5 / Romans 12:12)

Fact: Importunity can be demonstrated by biblical fasting! *(Ezra 8:21)*

Fact: Importunity can be demonstrated by genuine tears of passion! *(Luke 18:7)*

Note: Importunity can be intercession, but importunity is not same as intercession.
(Luke 11:5-10)

II. WHILE YOU WAIT ON GOD, DO WHAT YOU CAN

**Luke 18:3-5*

**Hebrews 10:36-38*

Fact: While the widow of the prophet waited on God, she and her sons gather vessels!
(II Kings 4:1-7)

Fact: While Paul waited on God in prison, he witnessed to inmates and wrote epistles!
(Acts 16:25 / Philippians 4:11-13)

Fact: While Noah waited on God, he kept on building an ark! *(Hebrews 11:7)*

Note: There is an amazing statement that "God waited on Noah". *(I Peter 3:20)*

Fact: While Hanna waited on God, she remained a devoted wife and intercessor!
(I Samuel 1:10-17)

Fact: While Naaman's maid waited on God for her opportunity to witness to Naaman, she faithfully took care of Naaman's wife! *(II Kings 5:2)*

Fact: While Joseph waited on God, he protected his heart and served the king!
(*Genesis 50:20*)

Fact: While the man with the infirmity waited on God, he came to the pool of Bethesda every day! (*John 5:2-8*)

Fact: While Zacharias and Elisabeth waited on God, they continued to be faithful priests!
(*Luke 1:5-15*)

Fact: While John waited on God, he worshipped and walked in the Spirit!
(*Revelation 1:9-10*)

III. WHILE YOU WAIT ON GOD, GROW IN FAITH

Question: "How many prayers do you suppose God answers, but cannot deliver because the person ceased to believe instead of growing in faith?" (*Luke 18:7-8*)

Fact: Delays do not mean denial. (*Hebrews 11:1 & 6*)

Fact: While Job waited on God, he continued to confess his faith in God! (*Job 13:15 & 19:25*)

Fact: While David waited on God, he confessed his faith! (*Psalms 27:13-14 and Psalm 40:1-3*)

Fact: While Abraham waited on God, he increased in faith! (*Romans 4:16-24*)

Fact: It was faith which caused Joshua to keep circling the walls of Jericho. (*Hebrews 11:30*)

Fact: King Saul lost his throne because he did not wait on the Lord. (*1 Samuel 15:26*)

Fact: There are great rewards for those who wait on God correctly! (*Isaiah 40:31*)

Fact: Faith is what sustains believers during times of waiting on God. (*Psalm 37:7-9*)