



THE BLESSINGS OF PERSISTENCE

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If we are persistent we will see God answer our prayers in remarkable ways.

Jesus gives the example of a persistent widow who continued to ask a judge to make a judgement against a person who had wronged her. She kept persisting and because of her persistence the judge finally gave in and granted her wish.

This was an example as to why we should persist in our prayers.

When my father was 77 years of age he was admitted to hospital and the doctors told me he would not live. When I visited him, he was connected to tubes and was unconscious.

I began to pray for him because I realised that he had not committed his life to Jesus Christ and I was concerned about his eternal salvation.

I visited him daily in the hospital and he showed no signs of improvement. Each day the doctor would come out of his little office which was immediately opposite the room where my father was lying unconscious. Again he would repeat that my father would not live.

For eight long weeks every day I would pray for my father. Most days I visited him but his condition did not change. The doctor remained adamant that my father would die.

Then one day as I walked up the long corridor of the Middlemore Hospital in Auckland, the Lord said to me quite clearly that He had healed my father. I quickened my step and walked up to the doctor's office so that I could ask him to allow me to see my father.

His expression was changed. He said positively, "Come and see your father." When I walked into the room, my father was sitting on the side of the bed looking perfectly well. He jumped up and said to me, "Hello Bill how are you?" as though nothing had ever happened.

I said to the doctor, "How did he get well?" He replied, "We don't know. We simply took every tube out of his body expecting him to die and instead he got better."

At that time the Lord told me that my father would live for another seven years during which he committed his life fully to the Lord. I used to go and pray with him every Friday. He enjoyed good health for those years and then was admitted to hospital for a check-up.

The next morning at 3am the hospital rang me to say that my father gave a little cry and then was gone.

This was almost seven years to the day when the Lord told me that my father would live another seven years.

In all of our circumstances, whatever they are, we must never give up praying. We never will know God's exact plan for our lives except that it is for good and His ways are not our ways.

I would encourage you to press on through thick and thin trusting God, being patient and believing for Him to move upon your life in His timing.

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