

**THE PREVAILING POWER OF PRAYER**  
**LUKE 11:5-13**  
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**“Praying it through” means to persist in praying for something until the breakthrough comes and the prayer is answered. The answer may be yes, no, or wait; but we keep praying until we know the answer.**

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**Luke 11:5 (CSB)**

He also said to them: “Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, **Luke 11:6 (CSB)** because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I don’t have anything to offer him.’

**Luke 11:7 (CSB)**

Then he will answer from inside and say, ‘Don’t bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I have gone to bed. I can’t get up to give you anything.’

**Luke 11:8 (CSB)**

I tell you, even though he won’t get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his friend’s shameless boldness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

**Luke 11:9 (CSB)**

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

**Luke 11:10 (CSB)**

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Luke 11:11 (CSB)**

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish?

**Luke 11:12 (CSB)**

Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

**Luke 11:13 (CSB)**

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

**1. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PREVAILING POWER OF PRAYER**

**When God Doesn’t Answer, Woodrow Kroll**

**“If persistence was the key to the unwilling heart (of a neighbor), how much more effective will persistence be to the willing heart of God?”**

**The principle of the prevailing power of prayer occurs when you persistently, continually, and tenaciously present your request to God.**

**2. HOW LONG SHOULD YOU PREVAIL IN PRAYER ABOUT A SPECIFIC NEED?**

**(1) Until you know it is not God’s will.**

**2 Peter 3:9:**

The Lord . . . is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

**(2) Until God answers your prayer.**

**(3) Until God releases you.**