

Luke 18 - A Widow, a Tax Collector, and Some Children

1. Read **Luke 18:1-8**. The judge in Jesus' story didn't care about God and didn't like people. Do you think he was fit for his job? Why?
2. Do you know any people like this? Any important people? (You don't have to name names.)
3. This is sometimes known as the parable of the "importunate widow." What does "importunate" mean? How does this describe the woman?
4. What, according to **Luke 18:6-8**, is the lesson we should learn from this story?
5. Do you think God's people always experience justice? How about you yourself?
6. Now read **Luke 18:9-14**. What did the Pharisee pray about?

(By the way, did you know this is the only one of Jesus' parables with a Pharisee in it?)

7. What did the tax collector pray for?

8. What, according to **Luke 18:14b**, is the moral of this story?

9. Where do you fit in? Humbled, or exalted?

10. Do you think it is a good idea that God grants mercy to people in spite of how rotten they are?

11. Finally, read **Luke 18:15-17**. Why do you suppose Jesus' disciples did not want the parents to bring their babies to Jesus?

12. What, according to **Luke 18:17**, is the point of this incident?

13. What do you think it means to "enter God's Kingdom like a child"?