

**October 16, 2016 “Will We Ever Attain Justice?” based on Luke 18:1-8**

Examples of Persistence. Good Quality. Used in raising children, surviving in jobs, success in marriage, maintaining health, and reaching retirement, but do we apply it to our spiritual life?

- Parable of Judge and Widow. Widow had no ‘power’ over judge, but used tenacity, desire, even desperation to influence. It paid off!
- “How much more” story, says something about judge and widow, but also about God and us. If an insensitive judge finally grants relief, how much more will a loving God listen to us.
- Other lesson from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy tells of Paul’s advise to a young pastor. Pursue Scripture and advocate a Christian life-style, it will help people who are being persecuted and fed false doctrine.

We live in a radically different world today, but we still need to pay attention to our faith life.

- God gives us forgiveness, understanding, guidance, healing, strength, promise of eternal life, now we are positioned to show love and witness our belief.
- As a congregation we act in the same way, with worship on Sunday, quilting on Monday, study on Tuesday or Thursday, giving out food on Saturday. All important responses.

Never told reason for the injustice to widow, but Jesus used story to impress on listeners in the midst of injustice and harsh times to persist in their faith. They would ultimately gain justice and peace because God loves those who believe!