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Subject: For how long should I pray for something?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Luke 18 says that we should pray and not lose heart. How long should I pray when nothing seems to be happening? How long should I pray if I don't know God's will? What should I do when nothing is happening and some people tell me to let it go while others tell me not to give up? --Jorge

Dear Dr. Jorge: Many of us have this same question when we do not see answers to things we have been praying about for a long time. But the passage you cited gives the answer--don't lose heart ever. Keep on petitioning as the widow did. In verse 8, the word "quickly" does not mean immediately but has the idea that when in God's perfect timing He begins to bring the answer, everything will fall into place quickly. Moses prayed to see God's glory, but he did not receive the answer until after he died and appeared with the Lord on the Mount of Transfiguration!



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