

# When Quickness Tarries

Luke 18:1–14

## 1. The Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1–8

A. The Principle

B. The Parable

C. The Application

## 2. The Humble Tax Collector

Luke 18:9–14

A. The Principle

B. The Parable

C. The Application

Conclusion:

## For the Family

**Read together** or tell the story of the Judge and the Widow from Luke 18:1–8.

**Explain** how the judge in this story didn't care what God or people thought about him. He was a bad man who only thought about himself.

The widow didn't have anyone to speak for her or help her. When she went before the bad judge, he didn't help her at all. So she did the only thing she could. She kept coming to him until she wore him out.

The bad judge decided to give her justice just to get rid of her. Even though he didn't care about her, he wanted to be done dealing with her.

Jesus says that even a bad judge will give justice if you keep asking him for it. Imagine what a good judge would do. Imagine what God would do.

God will give his people justice. But sometimes we have to wait for it.

Think about a time when you had to wait for something, but in the end it was worth it. Share that story with your family.

Sometimes we have to wait for God, but it is always worth it. Jesus tells us to never give up, to keep praying and never lose heart.

### **Read Isaiah 40:30–31:**

Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Pray together** that you will always be faithful to God, even when you have to wait for something from him.