

THREE THINGS WE NEED TO SUCCEED IN GOD'S KINGDOM

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Matthew 4:17 & Luke 11:20/ Colossians 1:13 & 1 Peter 2:9/ Revelation 11:15
- (2) The boundaries of the kingdom are **anywhere the king reigns**
- (3) Success in the kingdom is hearing, "**Well done**," from the king
Luke 19:11-27/ 2 Timothy 4:6-8/ 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

THREE STORIES ABOUT SUCCESS IN THE KINGDOM

A WIDOW & CORRUPT JUDGE

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Luke 18:9-14

A LITTLE CHILD & JESUS' SECURITY TEAM

Luke 18:15-17

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Luke 18:1-8/ Luke 11:1-13/ Daniel 10:12-14/ Colossians 4:2 & 4:12/ Hebrews 11:32-40
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Luke 18:9-14/ Proverbs 6:16-19/ Philippians 2:3-5/ Romans 12:3/ 1 Peter 5:5
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Food for Thought

For the week of August 14, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. The example of the persistent widow is an encouragement to us all as it reveals God's desire to hear our ongoing needs and concerns repeatedly. How do the following verses reinforce God's openness to hear our needs and the importance of continuing to share them with him?

Psalms 10:17

Psalms 55:16-17

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Thessalonians 3:10

Is there anything you need to continue to bring before God?

2. This week we saw through the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector that our view of others will greatly affect God's view of us as we approach him. Who might be the person, people group, personality or socioeconomic group you might want to pass by on the side of road because they just don't quite match up to you?

The following verses speak of what you have in common with every person you know or encounter. How might remembering these verses help you be gracious and humbly serve all you encounter?

Genesis 1:27

Romans 3:23, 6:23

Romans 5:8

Galatians 6:7-10

3. What do the following verses tell us are the rewards of humility?

1 Peter 5:5-7

Proverbs 15:33

4. One of the best ways to develop our humility is to serve others. Are there any situations or people you need to go the extra mile and serve humbly this next week?