THE SECRET SAUCE - PRAYER AND FASTING

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- I. PRAYER Basic principles of establishing prayer in our lives
 - A. 1) When and Where Set a time and place
 - 1. Former Executive Vice President of Walt Disney World Resorts, Lee Cockerell said, "What gets scheduled gets done."
 - B. 2) What Pray Word based prayers
 - 1. <u>Isa 55:10-11</u> His word will not return void, it will accomplish what He sends it to do
 - C. 3) How Pray Bold, Pray Believing
- II. <u>Luke 18:1-8</u> Concluding illustration of Jesus' teaching in chapter 17 of the return of Christ
 - A. V1 Jesus answers two important questions about prayer:
 - 1. HOW OFTEN?
 - 2. HOW LONG?
 - B. HOW OFTEN "ALWAYS" FREQUENCY, HABIT, CONSISTENCY
 - 1. Always pantote Duration of time, at all times, on every occasion
 - 2. <u>1 Thess 5:16-18</u> Never stop praying
 - a) Ceasing adialeiptos Uninterruptedly, without omission, continuous activity
 - 3. **Phil 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, pray about everything
 - a) Anxious merimnao Apprehension, worried, troubled, anxiety
 - (1) **Be** (Become) Come to be; undergo change or development
 - b) Prayer proseuche To speak to God, ask or make a request
 - c) Supplication deesis An earnest or urgent request to God
 - d) Thanksgiving eucharistia Express gratitude or show appreciation
 - (1) <u>1 Peter 5:7</u> 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
 - e) **Peace** *eirene* Harmony, tranquility, favorable, free from worry
 - f) <u>Surpasses</u> huperecho To hold above; To excel or surpass in value
 - g) <u>Understanding</u> *nous* The mind, the psychological facility of understanding, reasoning and deciding; way of thinking
 - (1) Prov 3:5-6 Do not lean on your own understanding, Trust in Him
 - h) Guard phroureo To keep watch over, guard against
 - C. HOW LONG? "NOT LOSE HEART" PERSISTENCE, TENACITY, COURAGE
 - Lose heart enkakeo Become discouraged or disheartened; lose motivation or give up
 - 2. <u>Discourage</u> Webster "dis"-courage; to deprive of courage

- 3. Josh 1:5-7 6 Be strong and of good courage
- D. Two Characters in this parable: Widow Woman, Male Judge (Unjust judge)
- E. <u>Trouble</u> *kopos* Distress or bothersome, suffering
- F. **Coming** *erchomai* To move toward, approach someone
- G. Weary hypopiazo Wear down, exhaust by annoyance,
- H. <u>Continual</u> *telos* The point where something ends, terminates or is completed; conclusion or goal
- I. **Unjust judge** *adikia* Injustice, morally wrongful
 - 1. 2 Tim 4:8 The Lord is a righteous Judge!
 - a) Isa 41:21 "Present your case,"

III. APPLICATION:

- A. Are you more inclined to pray about everything or worry about everything?
- B. Have you become consumed with anxiety about things in your life?
- C. What do you need to give to God and receive His peace in its place?
- D. Have you lost heart and become discouraged in praying for something?
- E. Are you willing to pray determined to receive what God has for you no matter how long?

| F. | What areas of your life do you need to "k | keep comin'" until you see breakthrough? |
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