

Pastoral Care Basics ~ Persistence or “Showing-Up-Itude”

Luke 18

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Philippians 1

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

The Nature of Caring Relationships

Compassionate – grounded in common humanity and care

Full of Faith – trusting, faithful, and vision-led

Skilled – marked by maturity with regard to patience, self-control, and peace

Trustworthy – strong, dependable, honest

The Spirituality of Caring Relationships

Spiritual care sounds complicated and problematic. Spiritual care is helping people hear and believe that they are worthy of love and acceptance. Chances are pretty high that you are already a provider of spiritual care for someone in your life.