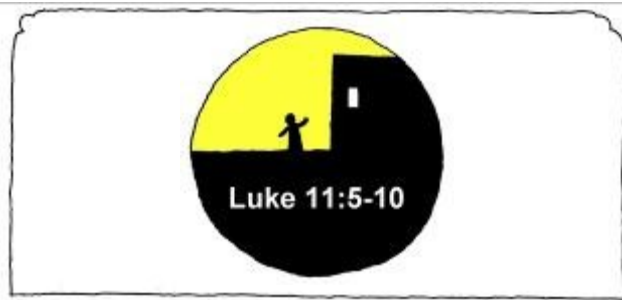


Parable: THE man who never gave up

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Jesus friends came to him and asked Him how to pray. Jesus told them this story:



"Late one night some unexpected visitors arrived at a man's house. They were tired and very hungry, after walking a long way to his town."



It was about midnight when the man went to borrow some bread from his friend. He knew he would already be in bed, but the man's visitors needed something to eat.



His friend woke up when he heard the man shouting out for bread. "Go away," he called back, "the house is locked and we are all in bed. Come back tomorrow."



The man did not stop. He kept on calling to his friend. "I need three loaves of bread for my visitors," he yelled. "I won't go away until you give me some."



Eventually the man in the house could take no more. He got out of bed and went to the kitchen to give his friend the bread he asked for."



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