

The Parables

Squeaky Wheels

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- My level of persistence is usually _____ to the depth of the actual need.
- This helps me answer the “_____ is really _____?” question.

2. Being persistent in prayer develops a _____ upon God.

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- Lamentations 3:25,26

3. Being persistent in prayer helps me _____ when I see it.

- When I’m persistent and God answers, two things happen:
 - My _____ is _____.
 - God _____ the _____.

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