

WEEKLY WORD by Lois Drover
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Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

2 Timothy 3:16-18 ***All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that a person of God can be fully equipped for every good work.***

This is one of my go to verses. For a long time I have believed that you cannot pick the Bible apart and choose what you like and don't like. It's either ALL inspired by God or it isn't, and if it isn't how do we know what is? I choose to believe that everything that is in the Bible is there for a purpose – to inspire us to be useful in the work of God.

The world today would have us believe that the Bible isn't relevant anymore. Even some churches preach that message. If we are going to say Jesus is Lord, we have to believe in the teachings of Scripture. I remember when I was young, finding the teaching of Paul very hard to comprehend, but when I learned to pray before reading and asking the Holy Spirit to open my eyes and my heart to the teaching, the words jumped off the page at me and made so much sense!

In the Gospel today, we read of a judge and a widow. He is a respecter of no one, not God and not his fellow man. She, on the other hand, seeks justice and will not let him rest til she gets it. That reminds me that persistence has rewards. Raising 6 children and all the laundry that went with that, was a good example of persistence. When one of the boys would come home with grass or mud stained clothes, I learned to be persistent in removing that stain. It never came out the first time, and sometimes took several washings before it did. When it was finally clean again, I was happy that I didn't have to throw out that piece of clothing, or make a rag of it.

If we have a prayer request that we want to bring before the Lord, keep praying on it. St. Augustine's mother prayed for him for years while he partied and lived a wordly life, until God answered her prayer and he became one of the most important evangelists in Christian history.

In our world today, a popular phrase is *Keep on*, so I suggest you keep on praying and reading Scripture. It's a useful way to spend your time and it will prepare you for the good work God has for you to do.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV):