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Bible Study

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Experiencing Growth Through Prayer

1 Samuel 1:10-17

Luke 18:1 reads, *"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."* (NIV) This verse reveals what followers of the Lord should constantly do and what they should refrain from doing. One of the greatest resources for any believer to triumph over their trials and troubles is prayer. Christians who fail to grow in this needed and beneficial discipline, set themselves up to be easy prey for Satan and his demons. This lesson is designed to share insight on experiencing growth through prayer.

Breakdown of 1 Samuel Chapter 1

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| 1. Hannah's <u>Predicament</u> | Verses 1-9 |
| 2. Hannah's <u>Commitment</u> | Verses 10-17 |
| 3. Hannah's <u>Betterment</u> | Verses 18-28 |

1. Praying Earnestly is a sign of your growth as a Christian.
Verse 10
"Hannah was so sad that she cried and prayed to the Lord." (NCV)
2. Praying Specifically is a sign of your growth as a Christian.
Verse 11
"She made a promise, saying, "Lord All-Powerful, see how sad I am. Remember me and don't forget me. If you will give me a son..." (NCV)
3. Praying Sacrificially is a sign of your growth as a Christian.
Verse 11
"...I will give him back to you all his life, and no one will ever cut his hair with a razor." (NCV)
4. Praying Genuinely is a sign of your growth as a Christian.
Verse 13
"She was praying in her heart so her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk." (NCV)

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