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- Praying is _____.

¹³ As for you, brothers, do not **grow weary** in doing good. 2 Thessalonians 3:13 (ESV)

- Prayerlessness is a matter of my _____.

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2) In prayer I should _____ regardless!

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- The judge doesn't care -but God _____.

²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! Psalm 66:20 (ESV)

- The widow is so aggressive the judge is _____ of her.

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