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By Louie Marsh, 10-25-2026

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4) If I’m praying for the right thing, _____ God will answer.

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“¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” (1 John 5:14, ESV)

5) Don’t _____ – God is far better than this horrible judge.

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“⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:8–9, ESV)

6) When Jesus returns will we still _____ the widow’s example?

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8b, ESV)

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