



Sermon Notes: January 22nd, 2017

## The Perseverance of Prayer

5 ways to tell if you're treating God like a genie

1. Your focus is on your prayers, and not on the One who answers them
2. Life appears to be too much to handle
3. When hard times strike, your Bible remains unopened
4. Your prayers are filled with "wants" or "needs," but not "change my heart, O God"
5. Everything else takes precedent over your spiritual life

### Conclusion

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ when you pray
2. Your practice of \_\_\_\_\_ to God is directly proportional to your \_\_\_\_\_ in God
3. Hold firm to and carry the \_\_\_\_\_ as your priority in prayer

What do you need to hand over to God?

Lord help me hand \_\_\_\_\_ over to you

*"When God wants to make an oak tree, He takes 100 years. When He wants to make a squash - 6 months, a strawberry - 6 weeks. What is God making you into?"*