Praying with Spiritual Authority
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Mark 10:46-52

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."

50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Biblical principles to keep in mind

Rely on the Holy Spirit's (counsel) and (power)

Utilize Jesus' power and (authority) as an (ambassador) of Christ

Using the authority of Christ is a declaration of God's truth and includes *speaking in the name of Jesus* as we see in the disciples' ministry

Matthew 10:1

1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Luke 10:1-2, 9, 17

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

(Declare) and (assert) God's (truth)

John 8:32
32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

This is (spiritual warfare)! Pray (for) and (against)