

How might God work through our lives to do "greater works" for His glory?

- A. We must BELIEVE in Jesus. (vv. 7-11)
- B. We must PRAY. (vv. 13-15)

1. We must pray in His name. (vv.13-14)

*To pray "in His name" is to come humbly before God knowing that Jesus is the only means whereby we have access to a holy God.

*To pray in Jesus' name is also to pray consistent with His character, purpose, and will.

2. We must pray for His glory. (v.13)

James 4:3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Luke 22:42

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done. *God is often glorified in our challenges, struggles, and difficulties as He reveals Himself and His greatness in the midst of such trials.

3. We must pray motivated by love. (v.15)

*The secret to prevailing, powerful prayer is in our LOVE for Jesus - and the fruit of that love is our obedience to His commands.

1 John 3:21-22

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep HIs commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

*When I am not walking with God and "keeping" His commandments as fruit of my love for Him then I have no grounds for confidence in my prayer life.

John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.



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