

Pinciples **O**f **P**rayer

Put some P.O.P. into your Christian walk.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:13-14

“Require” – (Sixth in the series)

There’s a time to pray and a time to say. Last week we saw that when we pray, we are to ask for our daily bread and other things. However, in the verse from John above and in other scriptures, the word “ask” can be translated, “require or ask with urgency to the point of demanding”. Does this mean we are to demand God do something for us? Certainly not!

Jesus tells us that, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father”**, John **14:12**. He’s talking about His works here. Jesus demanded or required many *situations* to be altered; He wasn’t praying, He was saying, demanding, requiring. “Go, you son lives.” John 4:50, He rebuked a fever, Luke 4:39, said, “Be thou clean” to a leper, Mark 1:41, “Rise, take up you bed and walk.”, John 5:8. He’s telling, demanding not praying. “Stretch out your hand”, Mark 3:5, “Be loosed from your infirmities.” Luke 13:12, “Peace be still”, Mark 4:39.

Do you see it? Jesus is saying these “works” that He did, we can do also and even more! We are to require the situation to be changed, In Jesus’ name, and He will do it so God will be glorified. When Peter and John went to the temple to pray and saw the lame man lying there, did they take him in to be prayed over or bow and pray for him to be healed? No, they remembered what had just happened to them in the upper room and demanded, **“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk!, Acts 3:6**. “..he that believes...greater works than these he shall do.” Let’s get busy!