

# Are We Expecting Too Little From Our Prayers?

Lately it seems that I am being challenged on my expectations for my prayers. To be more specific, I am praying, but am I really expecting God to work through my prayers? I've heard several teachings on authority in prayer, a theme that has been repeating itself at church, in prayer meeting and in my devotional readings. I know from past experience that when I keep hearing the same theme repeatedly that I need to pay attention. God is trying to teach me something!

What I am hearing lately is that Jesus had to go back to heaven to be with His Father for a very important reason: so that the Holy Spirit could come and fill each believer on earth. Jesus was only one person and while on earth was limited to the number of people He could reach. **But once He returned to heaven, God put into the action the next phase of His plan—and that is filling and equipping believers (that's you and me) with His Holy Spirit.** God is using us to spread His message to the ends of the earth. Let's consider some of Jesus' amazing words to us before He left this earth.

*“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* Luke 10:19

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to my Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”* John 14: 12-14

*“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not*

*come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

John 16:7

Those are powerful words. Have you ever let them sink in to your mind? Jesus really said that we were to do even greater works than what He did. Do we take Him at His word on this? **In other words, when I am praying, do I believe that God will work through my prayers?**

So many things to consider here .... In the next blog post, I want to explore this topic further. Until then ...

Pray on!