

GREATER WORKS #2 slides

“Living below your potential means not fully utilizing your abilities, talents, and opportunities to achieve your fullest capabilities and desired outcomes. It often involves a sense of discontent, stagnation, and unrealized dreams. It can stem from various factors, including fear of failure, limiting beliefs, or settling for less than what's possible.”

C.S. Lewis' essay, the 'Weight of Glory', “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. *We are far too easily pleased.*”

Greater works are possible because Jesus intercedes for us.

John 16:7 “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 go, I will send him to you.”

Chester & Woodrow, “The Ascension: Humanity in the Presence of God, “The Ascension is the enthronement of Jesus. HE receives all authority and sends us out to declare that authority to the world. The Ascension is the beginning of mission.”

Romans 8:26-27 “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself *intercedes for us* with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Greater works of Jesus come through greater prayer.

Psalms 37:4-5 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.”

1 John 5:14-15 “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”

Phil Ryken, Kingdom Come, “Most of us spend a fair amount of time offering...emergency prayer. The things that really motivate us to pray are the things we feel desperate about. As a result, God hears a lot about our physical/*emotional* problems, our financial needs, and whatever struggles we are having in our daily work. These are all good things to pray about (Lord's pray, Give us this day our daily bread...)... Our Father loves to hear what we need and then provide it...Kingdom prayer is explicitly directed toward the greater glory of God. It is prayer for the unhindered expansion and unlimited extension of His rule. It is prayer for missions and evangelism, for pastors and churches, for towns and cities, for

nations and people groups. It is prayer for people who are lost to find their salvation in Jesus Christ.”

A.W. Pink “True, HE would be in heaven, and they on earth, but prayer could remove all sense of distance, prayer could bring them into His very presence at any time.”

Acts 1:1 “In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus *began* to do and teach...

Acts 4:29-30 “And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to *continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand* to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Leislie Newbegin, *The Light Has Come*, p. 182, “The going of Jesus to the Father by the path of suffering, death, and resurrection is the setting in motion of a far vaster movement in which the glory of the Father will be manifested through the works of the disciples done in the Name of the Son...The glorifying of the Father in the Son through the victory of the cross will be extended to the whole creation through the believing words and works of the Church until the whole earth is filled with His glory.”

James 4:1-3 “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...