

Mission Possible

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John 14:12 *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

Our task sounds like mission impossible! How can we make it a reality, w/out explaining it away? / watering it down? / twisting the meaning?

We need 4 things:

1. Developing a vision for an expanded, humanly impossible ministry.

It is unlikely we will ever see these kind of miracles until we step out in a ministry toward people that goes beyond what is humanly possible.

That is why it is called “mission impossible.”

Key Point: The miracles (greater works) are tools for building the kingdom of God.

We don't work or seek miracle for our own personal needs nor do we do it for entertainment value.

What are the greater works?

John. 5:21 *For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The greater work is salvation...seeing people pass from spiritual death unto spiritual life.*

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

The work of Jesus was to see sinners saved.....and then He said we will do that too!

I don't believe he is talking about quality, but quantity! Think about it: more were converted in one day at Pentecost than during the entire earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

Look at John. 4:34-35 – *34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”*

We need to get a world-wide vision of how to get the gospel to those in other lands! John. 14:12 will not be accomplished by merely focusing on our community but the world as well.

However It's mission impossible to reach the world unless we have a plan of how to reach outside of our city limits! Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

2. We can fulfill these verses by an Expected Price

Rom. 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent?*

There's only one way to see the gospel taken to other lands, we have to send missionaries...and what does it take to send them? Motivation, mentoring, prayer, training and Money! We need a plan and must be willing to pay the price of time, prayer, training, encouraging and sending.

3. We can fulfill these verses by glorifying the Son.

John. 14:13 *Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* What is the Biblical key to knowing and doing the will of God?

By identifying the mission, the objective, the challenge and making sure we add this phrase to whatever we ask or want: *"in order to bring glory to the name of Jesus..."*

4. We can fulfill these verses by Asking in Jesus Name.

John 14:14 *If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.* The Bible teaches that there is power (dynamite) in the name of Jesus. What does the Bible teach about the name of Jesus?

1. We are commanded to believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 3:23** *And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.*

2. Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, have life in his name. **John 20:31** *but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

3. Believers are washed, sanctified and justified in name of Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 6:11** *And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

4. Even demons listen to commands in Jesus' name. **Acts 16:18** *Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.*

5. Jesus' name has the power to heal. **Acts 3:16** *And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus [1] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

6. Jesus' name is above all names, *and every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth at the name of Jesus and every tongue will confess that He is Lord.* **Philippians 2:10**