

Power of God through Prayer

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Mark 9:14-29

1. Can one verse or passage from the bible provide you all that God wants you to know about a doctrine/topic? Why or why not?

2. Read Mark 9:14-29.

3. Why do you think the man asked the disciples of Jesus to drive the impure spirit out of his son (18)? (see Mk 3:15; 6:7, 13)

4. The disciples had cast out impure spirits in the past. One such time was in Luke 10:1-20.

a) How did the disciples feel after their work (Lk 10:17)?

b) What are the potential pitfalls from having success in a ministry?

c) After their success, did Jesus affirm them, rebuke them, caution them (Lk 10:18-20)?

5. In Mark 9: 28-29, what did Jesus attribute the failure of the disciples to? What does this suggest the disciples didn't do in their efforts to heal the boy?

6. What ministries are you involved in? What might Jesus teaching mean for your ministry? Have you ever forgotten to pray for your ministry?

7. How much confidence (faith/belief) did the father of the boy have in Jesus (22)?

8. How would you describe the response of Jesus to the father (23)?

9. How did the father react to the challenge (24)? Do you consider this to be a prayer for healing?

10. Think about your life and ministry for the kingdom. Have you ever found yourself slipping into the approach of the disciples or of the father? How can we grow in this area of our spiritual life?

11. In your own words, what do you think this passage can teach us about prayer?

12. Pray for yourselves and your ministries.

