We see that the greater works that Christ prophesied about, related to the receiving and use of the Holy Spirit. It is interesting for two reasons... the first is the statement that we will have the potential to do the works of Christ (miracles)... and the second, which is the most amazing, reveals that we have the potential to do even greater works than Christ. We understand also that there are two layers of responsibility at work at the same time. Each person has to be accountable for their own soul. If you fail or succeed the reward will be according to the result. This is the first layer. The second layer is equally as important... we have to offer assistance to God's people with the same zeal that we care for our selves... Regardless of the response, God considers that we have personally done it unto him.

This parable reveals the greater work... the two layers of obligation (difference between life and death)
MAT 25:34-40 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? *The next verse reveal to us the spiritual truth contained in this parable.* And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. *This is the second layer of our overcoming. People don't always respond to encouragement and assistance, but God blesses us regardless of the outcome... it is the offering that is critical. God/Christ take it as a personal deed to themselves.*
41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: *This verse confirms the overcoming power and responsibility that Christ has given us. However, with greater blessing come greater responsibility.*

The concept of a second layer of responsibility is used to encourage greater success and understanding.
3JOH 1:2 Beloved, I wish above **all things** that thou mayest **prosper** and be in **health**, even as thy **soul prospereth.** *John expands the concept of how and where blessing comes from. First priority is to serve others... this singular commitment completes both layers of the Christian life... God then gives the increase.*

Paul also approaches the same topic as he reveals something that Jesus had said.
ACT 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is **more blessed** to give than to receive. *Not only is serving others good for them, it opens the door for the Lord to give us even more than we can obtain by serving ourselves. Many are seeking God's blessing, but most don't understand how it works.*

Paul also one the the more obvious but necessary commitments that we all need to make.
1COR 16:2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath **prospered** him, that there be no gatherings when I come. *Jesus took personal ownership of our sins when he died for us. He wants us to also take ownership of the duties he has set before us... he still takes it personally.*
LUK 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. *This verse addresses the failings and rewards of practising God's love... layer two!!*

Paul also expands these principles once again.
2COR 9:6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. *When we love God's people the same way God does.. we cease to struggle.*
8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: *Because he gives... you give.*
&**12** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; *As we supply the needs of others, God supplies our needs... thus we praise him for what he has done... all the more so as we do more.*

God's love is based on the love that a parent has for their children. God's joy becomes our joy.
1THE 2:19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?
20 For ye are our glory and joy. *Is this your joy?*