

YOU CAN DO IT!!!!

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-13

Props:

Give everyone a piece of conduit with a label U Conduit... On the platform have a large piece of Conduit!

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT - Philippians 4:8-13 (NIV)

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**

VS8 – What we put into our minds determines what comes out in our words and actions.

Paul tells us to program our minds with thoughts that are...

- true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

You Can Do it! Ask God to help you as you replace harmful input....

- with wholesome material!

VS9 – It's not enough to hear or read the Word of God, or to even know it well.

- We must also put it into practice.

- How easy is it to hear a sermon, and forget what the Preacher said?
- Or read the Bible and forget to live how it says to...
- How easy is it to debate a passage and not live out the meaning!
- Exposure to God's Word is not enough,,,,
- It must lead to obedience....YOU CAN DO IT!!!!!!

VS10 – Paul is simply thanking them for their gifts!

- He didn't want to be accused for preaching only to get money...
- But Paul maintained it is the church's responsibility to support God's minister.
- He accepted the Philippians gift because they gave willingly!!!!!!
- **You can Do It... Give willingly!!!!!!**

VS11&12 – **Are you content** in any circumstance you face????

- Paul knew how to be **content**...
- Whether he had plenty or whether he was in need...
- The Secret was **drawing on Christ's power for strength!!!!!!**
- Do you have great needs????
- Or are you **discontented** because you don't have what you want???
- **You Can Do It!!** - Rely on **God's promises & Christ's power** to **help you be content....**

VS13 – **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**

- Paul was **content**, He could see life from God's point of view.
- Paul had his **priorities** straight..
- **He focused** on what he was **supposed** to do,,,
- Not what he thought **he should have**.
- **THE POWER WE RECEIVE IN UNION WITH CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT...**
- **TO DO HIS WILL...**

As we contend for the Faith we WILL face troubles, pressures, and trials!!! As They Come: You Can Do It – ask Christ to strengthen you....

- What do you need in your life today?
- Do you truly believe that **GOD CAN DO IT?**
- You need people surrounding you with **POSSITIVE** reinforcement.
- LIKE the Little ENGINE that Could...
- **I THINK I CAN I THINK I CAN.** (YOU SAY IT WITH ME)
- Now change it into ... **I KNOW I CAN I KNOW I CAN!!!!!!**

Job 42:1-2 (NIV)

42 Then Job replied to the LORD:² **“I know that you can do all things;**
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Matthew 19:26 – (NIV)

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**”

- Jesus can do **ANYTHING!!!!!!**
- IT IS US who puts boundaries and limits on Him....
- **WE should NEVER** put Jesus in a box....

Mark 9:23 – (NIV)

²³ **...“Everything is possible for one who believes.”**

- What miracle **do you need** in your life today???????
- YOU need to remember.....
- **U CONDUIT...(YOU CAN DO IT)!!!!!!**
- (LET the prop be the center piece for questions!)
- Then remind all the people that - **YOU can do ALL things** through Christ!

Romans 8:35-39 – (NIV) – Paul writing to the Christians in Rome!

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

**“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

³⁷ No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him** who loved us. ³⁸ **For I am convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will **be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- David....
- Though he was young and inexperienced....
- When he saw Goliath he said... **I CAN DO IT!!!!**
- When Caleb went into the Valley of Eshcol
- No matter the size of the enemy, he declared**WE CAN DO IT!!!!**
- WHEN Daniel faced the lions in the den....
- He looked out and proclaimed....**I CAN DO IT!!!!**

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 - Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel

¹⁵ He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you:

‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army.

- **(SOMEONE SHOUT... I CAN DO IT!!!!!!)**

For the battle is not yours, but God’s. ¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷ **You will not have to fight this battle.**

Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem.

- **(SHOUT... I CAN DO IT!!!!!!)**

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

- **(SHOUT... I CAN DO IT!!!!!!)**

“Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”

- **(SHOUT... I CAN DO IT!!!!!!)**

Proverbs 23:7 – (KJV)

7 For as he think's in his heart, so is he:

Closing:

Verse 13 is Paul's secret for being content in all situations.

That's it.

Do everything through Jesus and you can be content in everything.

It isn't about what you *accomplish*, it is about *how* you do whatever you do.

Paul's secret for being content in all situations.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Being content sounds bland compared to our worldly desires,

How wonderful would it be to have contentment in every situation in life?

That's the true promise of scripture that we seek and rejoice in.

As often happens, the real meaning of the verse is better than what we wanted it to mean.

