

If Only I Could

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Sometimes we convince ourselves I just can't do "it." And of course, that "it" would include anything that we think we can't do, and yes, sometimes things we don't want to do.

We all know events from history where there was a victory because of an individual or a group did what they knew they couldn't do. But they did. Maybe it was a sports team that won against all the odds. It could be on the job, meeting a deadline that no one thought was possible. But not only was the deadline met, but it was met with time to spare.

Many, many times the key to success is thinking we can, and never when we feel we can't. As a child, I remember the story of "The Little Engine That Could." And of course, the line that fits so well with the thought of this article is, "**I think I can, I think I can, I think I can,**" and sure enough, the little engine made it.

Our life can be like that in many areas, and you know it is true; we can do many things we never thought we could if we will give it a try. Now, it is also true that as time goes by, our true abilities change. I don't think many can do the things at 60 or 70 they did in their 20's and 30's. Still, there is a work and a place for all in His service.

Of course, some of the best news is, He never leaves us to do it on our own He is always with us. **Consider these thoughts:**

Hebrews 13:5-6, "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "**I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,**" so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

Mat 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; **and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"

Philippians 4:12-13, "I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.** Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction."

Philippians 4:6-7, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**"

So again, the good news is we are never alone. God is always with us and wants us to be successful in our work for Him. He wants all peoples to be saved, and His plan is for those that know the truth to teach the truth.

When the verse in **Mark 16:15**, is considered, And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." If we are not careful, we can get the impression we need to travel far away. It could be we just need to go next door.

Indeed, our thoughts should NOT be, "if only I could," but, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."