

I Can Do All Things

Another
STUDY IN BIBLICAL ACCURACY
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The two most important truths you can learn from God's Word are perhaps that you are what God says you are, and you can do what God says you can do. This is possible only because God is what He says He is and He can do what He says He can do. In this study I am primarily concerned with sharing the truth that you can do what God says you can do. I want to inspire you to go beyond talking about it by making the power of God effectual in every situation. For victory in your own life and effectiveness in helping others, study the following scriptures with an alert mind.

Daniel 11:32:
...the people that do know their God shall be strong,
and do exploits.

We ought to know the strength a believer has. The people who are now sons and daughters of God are strong. You have the same power resident within you that raised Christ from the dead and set him at the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 1:19, 20). Thus it is no longer a question of whether the people of God shall be strong—they are strong. But this verse also says they shall do exploits. It is up to us to believe and to manifest the greatness of the power that God has given to us. Never has there been a day when we more greatly needed believers who operate the power of God in their life and meet the needs of humanity. We need believers who, when they operate the power of God, know they are doing it exactly as the Word says, for this is the only way it will be effective.

Matthew 22:29:
Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Is this not the problem with which we are faced? Multitudes of believers do not know the Word of God nor how to operate the power that God has given them. All kinds of ridiculous things are going on in the name of Christ, we have multitudes of people running after those who do these things. Thank God for a teaching ministry which teaches that we can know the Word of God and the power of God resident within the believer.

Philippians 4:13:
I can do all things through [in] Christ which strengtheneth me.

The text reads "I am strong for all things." How many things? All things. There is not one thing for which I am not strong. Also notice verse 11, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." For therewith I am self-adequate. I have everything I need, and there is no situation that I could not be master of, if I so desire. "I can do all things" - who does the "I" refer to? God? Christ? Paul? Paul, by the power of God in his life. Not Paul in his own strength, but Paul as a son of God, with Christ in him and Paul being complete in Him. "I, Paul can do all things in Christ." If The Word says I can do it, can I do it? Yes.

I am self-adequate for everything. I can do all things in Christ which strengtheneth me. But if I do not want to rise up and believe, I am going to do nothing. I am strong, but do I want to do exploits? I have the power of God in my life, but when the need arises, do I rise up and believe? My believing determines the situation. Now I recognize the fact that there are many wonderful men of God whose believing has risen far beyond their knowledge of The Word. Because of their believing, they have done exploits. They have stepped out and are, at least partially, meeting the needs of humanity. However they do not know what Word. Because of their believing, they have done exploits. They have stepped out and are, at least partially, meeting the needs of humanity. However they do not know what they have. Sometimes they are on God's side, sometimes on the other side. They do not know the difference. They are active in their fields because of their believing; not because of their prayer and fasting; not because of a "double portion"; not because they sought "the anointing." But when I know The Word, my believing still determines whether I do anything or not. When I line up my believing with the Word of God, I will "do all things."

There is a reason why I can do this. Notice Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." I can do it because I am blessed with heaven's best. It is not a case of a "double portion," because if I am blessed with all spiritual blessings, I have completeness (Colossians 2:10). When the teapot is full, it is full; you cannot put any more tea in it. When the believer is blessed with all spiritual blessings, he is blessed. He doesn't have to pray and fast for it, nor seek after it. If we would also study regarding what is called "the anointing" in the Word, we would find we already have it (II Corinthians 1:21; I John 2:20, 27).

The simplicity of The Word is tremendous, yet we erect around it a complicated theology of what we have to do to obtain certain results. We always add something to the Word, instead of going back to the simplicity of the truth that I am blessed "with all spiritual blessings," and "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Genesis 49:28:
All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is 49

it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

Jacob was dying and had all his sons around him. He gave each one a specific blessing, but it was not the same blessing for each one, nor necessarily even in the same measure. This is a tremendous difference from the administration we are now in. We are all blessed with the same amount of spiritual blessing, which is *all* spiritual blessing. Every believer at the moment of the new birth starts with the same amount of cash in the bank, spiritually speaking. God has blessed us all alike with the same supernatural equipment, the power of God, to meet the needs of humanity.

Another reference in the Old Testament is interesting. In Genesis 27, Isaac's eyes were getting dim and he was tricked into giving Jacob the blessing which belonged to Esau. Esau came to his father, "And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept" (verses 36-38). There are still a lot of Christians praying and pleading for a blessing as if God were unwilling to bless them. Some of them think God is deaf too so they shout out loud. They are, in their thinking, still in an earlier administration. The administration of Ephesians 1:3 says God "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." You need only to read the Word, believe what you read, and then operate and manifest it to meet the needs of the people.

Ephesians 3:20:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

It is according to the power in us that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. The word "power" is *dunamis*, the inherent power of God received at the new birth. The word "worketh" is the word "energizes." It is according to the inherent power of God that is energized in us. The moment I step out on the basis of the Word, and will to manifest the power of God, at that very moment, there will be a manifestation to meet the needs of the people. We need to maintain that keen edge of enthusiasm, ready and willing to meet the need whenever and wherever it is.

There is a danger that in knowing the accuracy of the Word we become "intellectual." We sit back and rest

on our laurels and think, "I'm sure glad I know it all." You and I as believers should constantly remind ourselves that we *are* sons and daughters of God, and we *do* have the power of God in our lives. We also need to be reminded of what we *can* do with that power of God. God has done His part by giving us the gift of holy spirit, *pneuma hagion*, power from on high. The act is our responsibility. Every believer has the gift, and we can all belong to the group who act.

II Corinthians 3:5,6:

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of [from] God;

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

He has made us able ministers; that is, men who have enablements because we have received sufficiency. Whatever we need to do God's work we have received from God. Now we must rise up and minister. It is that simple.

II Timothy 2:2:

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

"Who shall be able" again refers to able men who are filled with enablements, in this case able to teach others. A tool chest filled with tools is full, and those tools were designed and produced to do a certain job. However, just because you have a tool chest full of tools does not necessarily mean the job will get finished. You have to rise up and use them. It is the same with the operation of the power of God. We have the tool chest; it is loaded; we just need to know how to use what we have.

Did you ever consider why Jesus felt so confident about the future of the church in saying that the gates of hell would not prevail against it? Why did He leave the organization in the hands of twelve men who often failed to do what He told them to do? I believe He had received revelation and knew what power would be in their lives. Why did the Apostle Paul go into a town to teach the Word, get people converted, get them speaking in tongues and then the next day leave town? He didn't have an organized follow-up, nor a radio/TV program; he just walked out. Why? He knew the power of God that was in their lives. I believe he taught them how to use it. The Word tells us that the early Church taught believers the power resident in the name of Jesus, which would include how to operate that power. Paul knew that with the power they had in their lives they were able to meet every situation they would ever come across. He committed what he knew "to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Teach them what? Teach them what the Word says they are; teach them how to operate the power of God in their lives.

Ephesians 6:11:

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

What is the whole armor of God? The whole armor must be everything that God has provided for you, including the manifestations of the spirit. Not just part of the armor, but the whole armor is needed to stand. Notice we are exhorted to "put on" the armor. This is works; action

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Fruit of the spirit, the fruit of a man or woman or a city, when planted, is a result. It is the final, visible proof, the end result of what has been manifested.

It is wrong to assume to be a Christian, to have the Holy Spirit within, without exhibiting any fruit. The manifestation of the spirit is what produces the fruit. Fruit of the spirit is the result of the operation of the manifesting power of the spirit. There are manifestations mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10: speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits, faith, miracles, and healings.

We are exhorted in Romans 8 and Galatians 5 to walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh.

Galatians 5:22

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which walk in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death.

The law of the flesh could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh. God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

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is needed. We already have the ability resident within us, the manifestation is what we are to "put on." Manifesting the power of God in your life enables you to hold your ground against the wiles (*methodeia*, the methods) of the devil. "Wherefore take unto you [*analambano*, into manifestation] the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand [resist] in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (verse 13). Let us rise up and manifest the power of God to meet the needs of this day and age.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faith,

meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.

The law was given for those who are in the flesh. Those who walk by the Spirit have no need for the law. Verse 23 indicates why.

The nine fruits listed in these verses have three basic functions: (1) loving, (2) enjoying, and (3) resisting.

Love

Love is a "strong" fruit. Love dominates, following appropriate the model that following is illustrated by love Galatians 3:14 says, "and faith [following] which worketh by love." Love is what animates our actions, and following, according to The Word, love is the love which motivated Christ to die for us. Love is the love which motivated God when He loved to give "his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in the Son shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Ephesians 3:19-20

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Philippians 1:9-10

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may abound in things that are commendable, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

Bring forth with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Love is manifest by abiding or doing.

Joy

Joy is an "enjoying" fruit. It encompasses the love, kind by participating love. It comes as a byproduct of abiding with us Jesus Christ. It is an inner joy that comes from within, and it is a fruit of the Spirit.