



Chalmette Church of Christ

January 25, 2009

“I Can Verses I Can’t”

Our mind set can have a lot to do with our success. If we have the attitude we can not do certain things, usually we will not accomplish the task before us. Whereas if we have the attitude that we can do something we stand a much better opportunity to successfully complete the job at hand.

First we must remember the words of the apostle Paul as he said: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13). We must be honest with ourselves and realize we all have limitations, but we do not want to limit ourselves either. And we must not forget Paul said it was Christ that gave him the strength to do the things that he did. He gave the credit to the right person, our Lord.

One area we would do well to remember the I can mentality is in the great commission: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). Too many members of the body of Christ put undue limitations on themselves. Jesus would never have told us to spread the gospel throughout the entire world if we were incapable of doing so. It could be that you think that you could never talk with others about the Bible because you have never tried. You must be willing to put the many hours of study time in the is needed to know the will of God, but at some point you must get your feet wet in relating it to other precious souls that need to hear it. The things that you do well now were learned through experience. What ever job you have there had to be a first day. If you had never went that first day you would not know how to do that job either, but now you think nothing about doing it.

Perhaps there is some preacher that you think really does a wonderful job at proclaiming the

word of God. Yet what you are seeing is a lot of years of hard work. It was no accident. Neither will it be an accident if you become a diligent soldier of the cross.

It may be that you have never taught a class because you thought that you couldn't. Just maybe if you give it a try you might surprise yourself. Maybe you have a good singing voice but have never lead singing. May be it is time to grow to new heights. It is much better to fail trying than to never have even put forth the effort.

You (male members) may think you could never do any kind of public speaking such as an invitation, making announcements, leading a prayer, but you just may surprise yourself. I know that when I was in high school I had rather take a failing grade rather than to give an oral report. Yet, with God's help I have been able to preach the gospel. Do not give up to soon on yourself.

More mature members of the church should help those who are not as mature to grow. It may be that some people are not ready for certain tasks now, may grow to undertake more responsibility later: “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2 Pet. 1:5-7). We must remember that it took us time to grow as well.

We would do well to remember our own short comings before we are too quick to make harsh judgments toward others: “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1). If we don't we could hinder some from moving beyond past mistakes and being a good influence for Christ. A good example to keep in mind is John Mark. On one occasion Mark came up short of what he should have been: “And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work" (Acts 15: 37-38). However, Paul found Mark useful later on: "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Tim. 4:11). What if Barnabas had not been patient with Mark? We may have never read of his success later on. Barnabas helped him to have the I can do it mentality. What about you? "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen" (1 Thess. 5:28).

By: Mark Lance

Horse-pulling Contest

In a horse-pulling contest at a county fair the first-place horse moved a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The runner-up pulled 4,000 pounds. The owner of the two horses wondered how much the animals could pull if they worked together. So they hitched them up and loaded the sled. To everyone's surprise, the horses were able to pull 12,000 pounds.

Sometimes in the Lord's work we try to pull the weight of a job all by ourselves. However, when we team up with others we work with greater efficiency and can accomplish so much more.

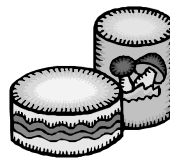
I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? And if man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

By: Tom Moore

THE FOUR PROMISES OF FORGIVENESS

1. "I will no longer dwell on this incident."
2. "I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you."
3. "I will not talk to others about this incident."
4. "I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our relationship."

"Even as Christ forgave you, so also you must do" (Col. 3:13).



The food pantry at the Church Building is running very low. Please remember to bring non-perishable items if possible!

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Gospel Broadcast Network
House to House Heart to Heart
Two students at the Memphis School of Preaching
Curry Montague— Budapest
Morrne Stephanus- In Africa
Roger Scully- Morgan City Church of Christ

Kid's Korner

See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. Idolatry and witchcraft
2. She should be buried
3. Peter
4. Saul's Armorbearer
5. Sapphira

Unusual Death

1. When a messenger reported to Eli that the ark of God had been captured by philistines, Eli _____.
2. How did Haman die after King Ahasuerus discovered his plot to kill Queen Esther's people?
3. Whose wife did God strike dead as a testament against His people?
4. Who challenged Moses' spiritual authority and was swallowed up in the earth?
5. Who hand-delivered a letter, the contents of which led to his own death?

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!



Cleaning Schedule

Month of January— Sherry and Melissa

Upcoming Events

February 15- Singing and Fellowship Meal

February 27- Ladies Game Night

Prayer List

Mary Jo Lance
Malcolm Vasquez
Muriel Jones
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Maggie Fletcher
Bill Burchett
Buck Hall
Sherry Towle
Bob Spurlin
Catherine Grant
Kathleen Grant Dunn
Sonny Adams
Betty Grisham
Paul Roberts
Melinda London
Loyce Sexton



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Services of The Church
Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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