

I CAN!

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." {Philippians 4:13} No one has ever been able to do anything when they have an attitude of "I can't." We need to be thinking in the positive frame of mind - I CAN and I WILL.

I can overcome temptation. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." {1 Corinthians 10:13} Some folks just don't believe they have the ability to overcome temptations. We forget the promises of God. I will not be tempted beyond what I have the ability to overcome. God will always provide a means of escape for all temptations. One thing is for sure, you won't overcome temptations if you don't believe you have the ability!

I can change. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) Some believe they are too old and set in their ways to ever change. God requires that all who come to Him must change, Acts 17:30. The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to change men! One will never change if they don't see the need to change. Saul changed, Acts 22:16. People who had been involved in many immoral sins changed, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. If you believe you can't- you won't!

I can teach others. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." {2 Timothy 2:2} This is the hardest barrier for many to overcome to begin teaching others. Some think that have to know everything in order to teach. If you are waiting for that to happen you will never teach. Study, pray and then go out and try! What do you have to lose? Truthfully speaking, you have much more to lose if you don't even try! Someone took a chance and taught you – right? ***