

## What can I do?

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### Introduction

1. Ephesians 6:10
2. Notice what God is able to do. Ephesians 3:20
3. There are some things that we can and ought to do 2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 3:9
4. Let us notice more closely what we can do.

### II Discussion

1. We are to be strong Ephesians 6:10
  - a. In fighting the battles for truth and right we are to be strong 1 Timothy 6:12
  - b. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be strong 1 Corinthians 16:13
  - c. God encouraged Joshua to be strong Joshua 1:6,7, 9
  - d. Our decision then is to be strong
2. We are to stand Ephesians 6:11, 13, 14, (verse 13 withstand)
  - a. The Corinthians were standing in the Gospel 1 Corinthians 15:1
  - b. Examples of those who have stood for right
    - i. Shadrach (Hananiah), Meshack (Mishael), and Abed-nego (Azariah). Daniel 3:16-18 In the fiery furnace
    - ii. Daniel and the lions den Daniel 6:4, 10, 18-24
    - iii. David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17:24, 26,29, 32-37, 40-47
    - iv. Joseph Genesis 39:21; 41:43
  - c. Our decision then is to stand.
3. We can pray Ephesians 6:18
  - a. Yet we should be praying 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2
  - b. This is so important that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them the proper way to pray Luke 11:1
  - c. We are to pray as the Spirit directs us today. Ephesians 6:18 (1 Timothy 4:1; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Peter 1:21)
  - d. There are various kinds of prayers
    - i. Intercessionary prayers 1 Timothy 2:1 Praying for others
    - ii. Thanksgiving 1 Thessalonians 5:18
    - iii. Supplication Philippians 4:6 Petitioning God for our various needs
    - iv. For all saints Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16
    - v. That the Gospel may have its free course 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Acts 4:31; 9:29; 14:3; 19:8

### III Conclusion

1. We can be strong in the Lord and for the Lord, we can also stand for and in the Lord, we can also pray
2. We must be in the correct position to do these things, and that is in Christ
3. We must obey the Lord to be in the correct position to do these things
4. Do you need to obey the Lord, do it now

Sources: God's Supremes by Wendell Winkler study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon; Great Lessons from Ephesians and Colossians by Andrew Connally