

## Can'tism

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### Introduction

1. Philippians 4:10-14
2. This is a problem not just now but for all time
3. It was a problem in the Old Testament
  1. Moses Exodus 3 - 4
  2. Spies Numbers 13
4. In the New Testament it is a problem Luke 14: 15ff they all with one consent began to make excuse.
  1. Could have been done earlier or later, he could have brought his wife along with him
5. Continually saying I can't will lead to a negative attitude Proverbs 23:7
6. If we are in an negative frame of mind we can change!
7. What are some ways we can defeat can'tism

### II Discussion

1. By our decisions
  1. I have decided to follow Jesus
  2. We can chose which way we want to live Deuteronomy 30:19
  3. We do become what we think Proverbs 23:7
  4. We speak out of the abundance of the heart Matthew 12:34
2. By our devotions
  1. Psalm 1:1-2 Meditate on the will of God day and night
  2. We can hide it in our hearts Psalm 119:11
  3. We can not divide our devotions Matthew 6:24
  4. We must know what God wants Ephesians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Timothy 2:4
  5. We are to be faithful in these devotions Luke 18:1; Hebrews 10:25
3. By our diligence
  1. We are to give haste or a constant effort in what we do Proverbs 11:27
  2. We are to seek the Lord while He may be found Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:11
  3. When we pray for the kingdom to spread what are we doing?
    1. Serving others? Matthew 25
    2. Helping others Galatians 6:10
  4. A self centered person leads to negativism 2 Peter 1:9
4. By our direction
  1. Man can not direct his own steps Jeremiah 10:23
  2. We can learn to walk in the right way Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 3:6
  3. Christ is our example 2 Peter 2:21 when we walk in His footprints, we can not help but go in the same direction
  4. His purpose was positivity Luke 19:10

### III Conclusion

1. David could have been negative as those around him 1 Samuel 17
2. Notice that the Lord HELPED him 1 Samuel 17:37 he did what he could
3. Paul said that he could do all things but it was thought Christ
4. We can be positive about our salvation

Source: Roger Jackson;