

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Before I make my first statement, I need everyone to say, “ouch”.
Ok, now for the statement.

If you can “do” all things through Christ who strengthens you, then why aren’t you “doing” anything?

Now you see why I had you say ouch, because it’s one of those ouch statements. Yet people quote this verse all the time, but how many really live it? How many are actually doing nothing in the church? If that’s you, then does that mean that Jesus is not strengthening you? Ouch again

I can’t do anything, or I don’t know what to do, so many people say. But didn’t Jesus say:

† **John 14:16** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--*

And we know that the Helper is the Holy Spirit, and we also know that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to all believers (including you), and for what purpose?

† **Ephesians 4:12** *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*

So, that means that Jesus has supplied everything you need to “do”, and the strengthening is the Holy Spirit Who has equipped you to “do” in the church and even outside the church.

So let’s take today’s verse and make it more personal.

I can tithe through Christ who strengthens me.

I can server as a usher in church through Christ who strengthens me.

I can share Jesus with others through Christ who strengthens me.

I can help out in the children’s ministry through Christ who strengthens me.

I can pray through Christ who strengthens me.

I can help those in need through Christ who strengthens me.

I can teach the bible through Christ who strengthens me.

I can help out orphans and widows through Christ who strengthens me.

I can go talk to my neighbor about Jesus, or at least ask them to come to church through Christ who strengthens me.

I can minister to the homeless in my town through Christ who strengthens me.

Need I go on? I didn't think so. But what have you, not been doing, that you actually think you would like to do in the church or as a ministry for the Lord? Whatever it is, fill in the blank with your answer and then go do it.

I can _____ through Christ who strengthens me.

And if your answer is nothing then it would look like this.

I can nothing through Christ who strengthens me. Which is actually the opposite of what the verse says:

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