



You Can Be Happy

Philippians

# I. God Can Do Whatever He Wants

- Job 42:2, skeptics
- Mk.9:22-23, no doubt about it

Disciples failed; Jesus cannot  
Issue is not *Lord's power* but *man's faith*:  
not if I, but if you...

- Lk.5:12, full of leprosy  
13, free of leprosy

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II. We Cannot Do  
Whatever We Want

- Lk.16:13, serve God and mammon

Money is a helpful servant, a harsh master, a horrible god

- Lk.16:26

After death:  
once saved, always saved;  
once lost, always lost

- 1 Tim.6:7, take it with you?

I. God Can Do Whatever He Wants

II. We Cannot Do Whatever We Want

III. We Can Do  
What God Says

# 1. We can abound in love, Ph.1:9

Lot, Gn.19: *I cannot* (= Lk.16:3)

**Spouse**

**Lost**

**Lord**

**Church**

**Enemy**

## 2. We can grow in Bible knowledge, Ph.1:9

**What** do you want to learn?

**How?**

1. Desire
2. Discipline
3. Direction

**Why** do you want to learn it?



### 3. We can bear fruit, Ph.1:11, 22

Four ways to bear fruit:

Lift the lost

Ro.1:13

**Salvation**

Live the life

Ga.5:22-23

**Sanctification**

Learn the Leader

Ph.1:11

**Imitation**

Laud the Lord

Hb.13:15

**Glorification**

# 4. We can be a good example, Ph.3:17

Avoid bad examples, 18-19

**Enemies of cross**

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**End is destruction**

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**God is belly**

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**Glory in shame**

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**Mind earthly things**

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**Distract from goal**

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## 5. We can forgive, Ph.4:2-3

Each may blame the other; solution: 4

- Lk.17:3-4, forbids...

Nursing a grudge...  
Backbiting the offender...  
Doubting his sincerity

- Lk.17:5-6, disciples . . . more faith

Forgive

Frequent

Faith

## 6. We can be happy, Ph.4:4 (2:27)

- 1:12-18, in *prison*? Ac.21-28
- 1:12-18, *envied* by brethren?
- 1:27-30, *treated like dirt*? Ac.16
- 2:17-18, *executed*?
- 3:1-3, *dogged* by Judaizers?
- 3:18-19, *hypocrites* in the church?
- 4:2-3, some *disturb* the peace?
- 4:10, it appears that no one *cares*?

# We can do all things through Him (4:13)

- Lydia “...Him who strengthens me”
- Slave girl Debt of love, 3:7-8
- Jailer and family
- Sincerity of Timothy
- Dedication of Epaphroditus
- Love of Philippian congregation
- Saints in Caesar’s house (1:13; 4:22)