

[DEVELOPING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE: TOWARD OTHERS]

Instead of nurturing judgmental attitudes, we can and should develop a positive attitude toward others. But in order to change our negative attitudes, we have to change our thinking. **Philippians 4:8** says:

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

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Why not write a list of things that you can begin to meditate on immediately which would change the way you think and speak. To think on things that are lovely and of

good report means that you surround yourself with and build an atmosphere of lovely things and things that are of good report, things that are praiseworthy. That might even mean changing some of your relationships.

How about changing your outlook on life? **Philippians 4:13** is a great confession and a great way to start. It says:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” In other words, with God’s help, I can even change the way I see others and the way I look at life.

YOU CAN

You can change your outlook on life. Oh yes you can. All you need to do is replace the words “I can’t” with “I can.” The “can’ts” must go, because with a Spirit-led ability to see what

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God wants done, you have the power to do whatever He asks. When your life is aligned with the Holy Spirit, you will have total faith, trust, confidence and certainty that God will accomplish whatever He chooses to do in your life.

Another translation (*TCNT*) of **Philippians 4:13** reads:

“Nothing is beyond my power and the strength of Him who makes me strong, I am ready for anything through the strength of him who is working in me.”

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The following are 10 good confessions for a person desiring to change his or her outlook on life:

YES...I CAN BELIEVE

(see **Mark 9:24; Hebrews 11:6; James 2:19**)

YES...I CAN CHANGE

(see **2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:1**)

YES...I CAN LOVE AND BE LOVED

(see **John 13:34; Romans 5:5; Ephesians 5:2**)

YES...I CAN FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

(see **Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 2:12**)

YES...I CAN RULE MY THOUGHT LIFE

(see **2 Corinthians 10:2,3; Philippians 4:7,8**)

YES...I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(see **Esther 4:14; Acts 13:36**)

YES...I CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS

(see **Habakkuk 2:1-4; John 14:12**).

YES...I CAN STAND IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSE

CIRCUMSTANCES

(see **2 Samuel 23:11,12; Ephesians 6:13,14**)

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YES...I CAN DEFEAT THE ENEMY

(see **Romans 8:31,37; 1 John 4:4**)

YES...I CAN BE A FINISHER

(see **2 Timothy 4:6,7**)

Let us make a commitment to ourselves and to the Lord that we will allow the Holy Spirit to change us. None of us really wants to be faultfinders, cynical or negative. We want to be known as positive people with a positive outlook and a Christ-like nature.

Henry David Thoreau said, “The faultfinder will find fault even in paradise.” But we can make a commitment to first remove the beam from our own eyes so that we can see the attributes of paradise in others. Will you join me in making a decision to change the way you see, think and talk about people? Ask the Holy Spirit for a new set of Kingdom glasses so that your vision is aligned with your heavenly Father’s. If you do, you will discover that believing is seeing—and in seeing, you won’t find more than a speck in your brother’s eye.