

**Phil 4:13 I can do all things (everything) through (In and by) Jesus Christ...  
Jn 15:5b ...without Me (Jesus Christ) you (I) can do nothing.**

At first glance these two statements of truth seem to contradict one another but as with all of God's precious promises they are hidden from our natural minds. Let's give God the time to reveal them to us, then we will surely see the great paradox and how true and inseparable these specific truths actually are. He wants us to know them and them to become our nature as we believe them.

### **Phil 4:13 I can do everything In and by Jesus Christ!**

**Phil 4:13 I have strength for all things (in Christ) Who empowers me... ampc**

Those first words IN CHRIST are the key to doing everything! And we must believe that God won't ask us to do anything that He has not first inspired, led and then empowers us to do. Phil 2:13

**Phil 4:13 Christ gives me the strength to face anything. Cev**

These words In Phil 4:13 are so sure, so strong, can we take the time to think about them, they don't leave ANYTHING out! In Jer 32:27 God asks "Is there anything too hard for me?" I can do EVERYTHING! And He lives in you and me! So if there's been any failure we can ask God these questions;

Did I do this or that with/without you? Was I entirely submitted to you? Or was I acting independently?

I'm always either Dependent on God or Independent (depending on myself)

### **Jn 15:5b Without Him I can do nothing!**

Of course I can and have done a number of things apart from God but that's not what we are talking about here, we can do nothing of any eternal value or that is profitable to our spiritual lives or others, which is the only thing that actually counts for anything when this life is over. Since only God is good I only can do good when I am in God, anything done without first being inspired, led, and empowered by God is a dead work.

**Jn 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh (my human nature apart from God) profits nothing.**

Here are a few more scriptures that show both truths of Phil 4:13 and John 15:5 working in unison in a real way and are exactly the life that Jesus lived and then empowers us to live.

**John 5:30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will *and* pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.**