

Phil. 4 13



SUBJECT. The Spirit  
of Can Do

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Phil 4:13

"CAN DO"  
Spirit of Congress

Spirit of 'em do?

The Treasures of America

1. Material greatness.  
More battle ships, oil plants, cars, 74 sets, Right air runs than  
any other. But more for war - more destruction - not just standing by.  
Empire of the past as nothing - Nebuchadnezzar's Babel was...  
4. Louis XIV, today 16 months.

2. Foundation of spiritual greatness  
Material greatness built upon the material foundation  
Treasures of spirit. Not flowers - Africa, South America  
Not with popalish - India  
Not about wealth - Christ  
with spirit, a foundation?

3. Reverence for God  
"Gods" in the West  
There. The Washington papers  
O Day. 2300 a.m.

(2) Christian taught reverence for man  
a man into a person, the state, God & child of man  
cannot be denied

(3) The American spirit - the Pilgrim Fathers  
The spirit of self-reliance  
personal responsibility  
independence  
freedom, individually  
free to share, study, work, work

The spirit of 'em do?  
Just 4 letters in American - I can

II. The Decay of The National Spirit, was  
 a new age of "can't do" & "anti" & "against"  
 at every turn we have quite blood shed & revolution  
 like morning that red need  
 movements of our time expressed in Anti & revolutionary  
 Our demonstrators are incessantly engaged in "protest"  
 Various components of society are "anti-established"

anti-establishment  
 anti-war  
 anti-secrets  
 anti-arms  
 anti-... ..

In the left wing of this people big men's values  
 where is failure  
 failure is broken.

The age of the "dis" phenomena - disillusions  
 - disorientation  
 - disappointment  
 - disgust  
 - dismay

The sickness spreads.  
 we fail to reach across. What "anti-heroes"  
 glorify anti-establishment, anti-est. - establishment  
 looks for ally to engage in no holds & assault,  
 must our future, present, institution.  
 protest groups emerging in our age & 7th 6th not  
 any the nation like never.  
 people, low, self-sufficiency, self-accept







Phil. 4:13 The Spirit 7 Can Do  
SPIRITUAL OMNIPOTENCE.

The former part of the sentence a piece of independent boasting without the latter part to interpret it. Some men, vain & proud, have said: "I can do all things." This destructive sure, swift, certain.

- (a) King Nebuchadnezzar Dan 4:28-37 <sup>was like a tree, fruitful they said, the king was made the king</sup>
- (b) Xerxes a million men against Persia. Xerxes belated with a charge. "I can do..." But he went away, returns in defeat.
- (c) Napoleon. A road agent which nothing daunted in power. Put out the men of Custer - but other, Persia set. The march to Russia - <sup>despite the elements</sup> - <sup>was across snows in polar regions</sup> - <sup>with but a weak army, the frozen plains</sup> 7 waited, disappointed as well.

(d) Hitler.

Then this apostle Paul. "I can do..."  
 o independent presumption - what could you do, Paul?  
 General taught the eloquence to baffles all opponents?  
 Secret in intentions? wizardry? sorcery?

No. "through Christ!" Heaven's strength. God's strength.  
 This great strength always from God, always there given.  
 The thought in the man is stupendous, but it is the  
 right of the child, me to think such a thought. In  
 that power, Paul found his difficult task, without  
 later to the far, carried through his missionary journeys.

3. "I can perform my duties?" then X  
 A great assignment or a menial task  
 So much to do - we are called to do it  
 - we both meet our own souls again  
 - a new - <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~perhaps~~ task. Each new generation  
 of Jesus to 10 talent - <sup>small class, you are</sup> ~~small class, you are~~  
 retired. "no" you shall be such as 10 talents  
 - the best servants my int. who is sufficient for them  
 where the address to do the work, carry the <sup>thought</sup> ~~thought~~ <sup>thought</sup> ~~thought~~  
 endurance to finish?

(9) David I Sam. 17: 33-37

(10) Zephaniah Zeph. 4: 7, 6

So Paul - incessant effort  
 Power to do it comes with the taking up of the cross;  
 not which he "but which strength" <sup>strength</sup> ~~strength~~ <sup>strength</sup> ~~strength~~  
 (11) <sup>1 Cor. 15: 55-57</sup> ~~1 Cor. 15: 55-57~~ <sup>1 Cor. 15: 55-57</sup> ~~1 Cor. 15: 55-57~~

4. "I can face the future triumphantly" in X  
 (12) Ignatius. Condemned by Trajan brought to  
 Rome to be exposed to wild beasts in Colosseum (fit for  
 martyr to die the day say). Lions bit him - his head  
 was crushed, in four months, as bones crushed, <sup>as bones crushed, death</sup> ~~as bones crushed, death~~  
 said, "now I begin to be a X?"

(13) John Hays, burned in England: <sup>gilded by martyr</sup> ~~gilded by martyr~~ <sup>gilded by martyr</sup> ~~gilded by martyr~~  
 burned it, said "glorious to God that he both brought  
 me martyr of such high honor."

Through the dark path of death: "I was pass  
 through; Jesus will meet me there."



## Welfare List Is Longest In History

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—More persons are receiving public assistance money payments than ever before, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has announced.

HEW's social and rehabilitation service said money payments rose five per cent in the fiscal year ended June 30.

The year-end summary showed that 15 million persons—an increase of more than 700,000—were receiving payments.

Expenditures for money payments and medical assistance under federally aided programs amounted to \$18.2 billion in fiscal 1972, an increase of \$2.7 billion or 17.4 per cent over 1971.

In June 1972, 10.9 million persons, including 7.8 million children, received money under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program. These totals increased more 6 per cent since 1971.

*16,000,000 now  
300,000 added*

*19.9 billion  
2.7 billion added*



# Rebellion In The Schools

BACK IN World War II when Britons lustily said, "There'll always be an England," no one doubted. A world without an England was as remote a possibility as a world reversing its rotation.

Thirty years later the future of England is less certain. The infection that could bring about its end is spreading from classrooms where children are getting massive doses of subversive literature.

AMONG 36 instructions contained in one publication, "Guerrilla Pupils' Manual," are:

"Ignore the teacher when he calls on you, cough when she starts lecturing, stop when she stops. Write messages on walls and desks. Throw stink bombs. Hide the chalk. Organize truancy. Refuse to go into the classroom when the bell rings. Upset morning assembly with vulgar noises. Carry screwdrivers to unhinge doors, locks and desks.

The manual concludes: "Continue fighting, refuse to be beaten. We outnumber them by millions. Fight on and we'll win."

The guerrilla tactics which the National Association of Schoolmasters believes are destroying the school system, are not confined to Britain. Fresh incidences of dishonesty, violence, depravity, and terrorism occur daily in American schools.

Protest is glorified and the refusal to conform is confused with self-expression.

Parents must assume a share of

the blame, but too frequently they are outnumbered and outsmarted by outside influences.

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A CURE FOR the intellectual sterility which has developed a climate hostile to the point of unreason is obscured by official pressure against discipline and punishment in the public school systems.

School officials could begin by giving teachers the authority to restore discipline and by refusing to hire those who oppose it. They would find massive support from the public, as the last Gallup Poll shows.

## Just So We'll Know

FOR THE record, advocacy of subversion isn't limited to a juvenile audience.

In his speech to the World Food Conference in Rome, the delegate of Communist China prescribed Maoist style terrorism and revolt in all "imperialist countries" as the cure for what ails the world.

The United States should continue to work for peace and cooperation but we should never forget the nature of the people in Peking.

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Phil 4:13

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through Christ  
who strengthens me"

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"The Spirit of 'Can Do'"

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### "THE SPIRIT OF CONQUEST"

On the television, and there are many hundreds of thousands of you who are looking at this service, and in the spirit of reverence and worship are seeking a blessing in this hour with us, on the television and on the radio you're with us in the First Baptist Church in Dallas, and this is the pastor bringing the message entitled "The Spirit of Conquest," "The Spirit of Can Do."

The test is the one that the choir sang from Philippians chapter 4, and verse 13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." The spirit of victory, of triumph, of conquest, of can do. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

The astonishment of the modern world is the illimitable, immeasurable greatness of the United States of America. That greatness can be seen in the affluence of our people. We have more everything than anyone else in the world. More bathtubs, more telephones, more automobiles, more radios, more television sets, a higher income, a more solubrious standard of living. There's not anything of material wealth and possession but that you find it in superabundance in America.

It has been an astonishment even to our enemies that we have been able to wage for years a war in the Orient, spend billions of dollars in the exploration of the moon, and yet not even approach a dent in our high standard of living.

America is a great nation, and it's greatness can be demonstrated in the marvelous material prosperity that has crowned our efforts. But



there is some reason for that greatness, and it is found in the greatness of will and spirit that in days past has characterized our people. We do not have the resources of South America or of Africa. Nor do we have the vast teeming population of a subcontinent like India. Nor do we have the ancient civilization and culture of a China. The foundation of the greatness of America can be discovered in her spirit, and in her will.

What is that foundation? There would be many things that we could catagorize. I name three. A part of that foundation that has entered into the spirit of America, that has made her great, has been her reverence for almighty God. A reflection of that devotion can be seen in the motto that is placed upon our coins. "In God we trust." A reflection of that spirit of heavenly importunity and dependence can be illustrated in the famous picture of General George Washington in the days of the darkness and nadir of the Revolutionary War, down on his knees supplicating and importuning the favor and blessing of Almighty God.

A demonstration of the spirit of dependence upon providence, and upon the favor of God can be illustrated in the packing and jamming of our churches. at two o'clock in the morning when our armed forces stormed the continental bastion of Hitler on D Day. The spirit of America in these days has been one of deference and reverence before God.

A second part of that foundational spirit of greatness can be found in the Christian doctrine in the worth of the human soul. A man is not chattel property, he is made in the image and likeness of his great Creator. A man is not a pawn of the state, he is a child of God, and as such

his life, his welfare, his destiny is precious in the eyes of heaven and of earth.

A third foundational spirit that has made America great can be found in what could be described as the Puritan Ethic. The devotion and the doctrine that our Pilgrim fathers brought to this new continent and this new earth. The persuasion that we ought to be free. Free in religion without the coercive heavy hand of a King. Free in heart and spirit, where every man might have opportunity to work, to excell, to exceed, to achieve. The spirit of self-reliance, the spirit of personal responsibility, the spirit of '76, the spirit where any boy might become the President of his country. And where any man would have open door to be his best self, and to achieve and succeed in whatever his endowments and capabilities might lead <sup>him</sup> to do. It has been the spirit of "I can", the spirit of "can do." It is the spirit of the last four letters of our American name, I-C-A-N. I can. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And that spirit of achievement and of extension and of success has been in these days past the spirit that has made America great.

But today in our lifetime, and in our generation we have been introduced to a new and a different spirit. There has been a decay of the national will. No longer is it the spirit of "can do", but it is the spirit of "can't do." It is the spirit of "anti". It is the spirit of against. Wherever you turn in modern life, there do you meet a floodtide of negativism. It is like trying to swim through seaweed. On every hand there are those who press movements that are hostile and negative. If there are demonstrators

just count on it, they are demonstrating against something. They are "anti." They are protesting. They are anti-establishment. They are anti-Pentagon. They are anti-war. They are anti-American. They are anti-Semitic. They are anti-church. They are anti-God. They are anti-business. In their lexicon bigness is badness. Success is failure, and forward is backward.

We have come to live in an age of the "dis" phenomenon. They are disillusioned. They are disenchanted, and they are disappointed. The sickness has pervaded every section and part of American life. No longer do we create heroes, but we create anti-heroes. Their pictures are on the papers. They are the paragons of those who seek anarchy and nihilism. They are followers are blatant and blasphemous. They seek the destruction of our institutions., and the destruction of our free spirit, and the destruction of our will to do. It is a new age and a new generation, and a new spirit.

I illustrate that in three ways. First I find it illustrated in the decay in the citizenry of America. There is a new political idea that has gained a hold in the heart of our people and it is this: the new idea that we have a right, a right, to public dole. That there is a right whereby one man can live off of the toil and labor of another man, while he toils and labors not. Never in this earth shall I forget the first time I heard that doctrine. I was in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. I was a guest in the home of Joel Sorensen, who was the pastor of the largest Baptist church in Sweden and a political figure. He was year after year elected to the Senate of the Congressional Legislative body of the nation of Sweden, and as I sat and talked and visited to my astonishment he said to me, "I believe that every Swede by virtue of



the fact that he is born a Swede is entitled to a subsidy , an income from the national treasury." I said,"Dr. Sorensen, you mean without his working? He doesn't work? " He said, "I mean by virtue of the fact that he is born a citizen of Sweden, he is therein born with a right to an income, and a subsidy, and a dole from the national treasury. I said, "But that contravenes and contradicts the plain word of God that says, 'If a man does not work he shall not eat.'" And the man replied to me, "Whatever it says in the Bible, I believe that any man that is born a citizen of Sweden is therein entitled to a dole from the government."

That idea has so fastened itself upon the American political life until it has become a way of life for thousands and millions of people. Just three days ago I copied this article out of the daily paper. It is a dispatch from Washington. It is a report from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and in their yearend summary they have more than 15 million American on the dole, on welfare. An increase of more than 700,000 ~~dollars~~ people this year of 1972, and the money that is spent for those welfare indigents in this fiscal year of '72 is 18, 200,000,000. An increase of 2,700,000,000 this year over last year. And there is no end in sight. Welfare! Doles! As a way of life is increasingly becoming a part of the American scene. It is a right that they expect, vote for, lobby for, that this man shall work and toil, and this man shall live off of the other man's efforts. What a far cry is that new doctrine, and that new spirit from the days of our forefathers.

I have in my study, in the library at the parsonage, I have a large

picture hanging on the wall of my great grandfather. My father's mother's father. My greatgrandfather Neely. It is a picture of a homestead in central West Texas. I stand and look at that picture many many times. There he is with his family, and everything seen in that picture he made with his own hands. The house, the corrals, the fences, the barns, he went out to that howling wilderness and with his own hands he built a place for him and the support of his family. There was no dole, there was no welfare. He had been taught under God to be responsible and self-sufficient. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It's a new day. It's a new spirit. It's a new age. Its a decadence<sup>ce</sup> and decay.

I see that decay in our national citizenry. I see it also in the decay of our great cities. I have not been to New York for several years. Sometime recently I went back to visit the greatest city in the earth once again. I walked down Times Square. I could not believe my eyes. Gone the great Whiteway. Gone those beautiful scintillating advertisements and their glistening lights. Gone the people of respectability who used to promenade up and down the streets, and instead it is dirty and crumy and decadent, and the people who walk there look like the very spewed out and flotsam and jetsam of human life.

I asked a citizen, "What has happened?", and the reply is that, "What you see in Times Square, <sup>which in</sup> ~~within~~ itself the sight of it besmirches (skip), is a blot on the destruction of America." What you see in Times Square you see in the entire city. The city is decayed. The city is bankrupt. It has lost it's glory and it's grandeur. And you ask "Why, why?" The

answer, "The people are not there in Times Square." They are afraid of the muggers and the rapist, and the murderers and the underworld, and the underground. They are afraid, and the city has been given over to those who live on welfare. The city is bankrupt because of the thousands and thousands and thousands and uncounted hundreds of thousands who live on the public doles. The decay of the great city.

I see it again, this new spirit and this new age, I see it in the decay of our churches. In one of those great cities on the Atlantic seaboard there is a magnificent house of worship. It was built by one of the greatest Baptist preachers of all times. One of the most famous in all the world. I went to see the church, just eager to look in it. To my amazement, the first time I was there the great balcony was curtained off, no one to use it, the second time I went there there was a caretaker in the auditorium and he was roping off the vast part of that auditorium downstairs. I walked up to him and I said, "What are you doing?" He said, "I'm roping off the great vast part of this auditorium." I said, "But tomorrow is Sunday, the Lord's Day, and you'll need these seats." He said, "Oh no, that's why I'm roping it off." He said, "Lest the people scatter all over this lower auditorium, I'm roping it off and leaving just a small section down at the front where they'll be in front of the preacher, for about a hundred or a hundred-twentyfive."

The city is there. The people are there. But it has lost it's spirit. It's lost it's Godliness. It is a city decayed and dieing. What America needs is a rebirth, a refuel, a regeneration of the spirit and the heart to do. To change from an "anti" to a "pro." As General Douglas MacArthur said, "It must be of the spirit if the flesh is to be saved." What we



need is to stand up in a new heart and a new dedication, unashamedly. I am Pro-American. I am pro-God. I am pro-Christ. I am pro-church. I am pro for the great things that our forefathers knew and loved, and the tools and instruments by which they built this great nation. And above all I am pro-faith, pro-faith. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

When Abraham was called to go out to a country he should afterward receive for an inheritance, he went out not knowing whither he went, trusting God. Pro-faith. When Moses was called to take two and a half million slaves into the wilderness and for forty years there without food, and without water, trusting God for the blessings. Pro-faith. When Jesus appointed the eleven men to the evangelization of the world, they never staggered before the mandate. Pro-faith. And when Paul, who wrote this sentence, and his compatriot the Apostle John faced the idolatry and pagan of the Greek-Roman world they did it in the spirit of that text. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and that's the spirit that we pray for in our hearts, in our church. The spirit of commitment and of faith, "I can do." "I can do...through Christ who strengtheneth me." I can do what God has assigned for me to do. I can do it. To some of us that task may be mammoth, to some of us it may be menial. To some of us who have great talents and abilities it may be vast and tremendous. To some of us who are less endowed and less gifted, it may be humble and quiet. It makes not difference. When the assignment is from heaven how ever our capabilities, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." And that's our spirit in the building of this lighthouse for Christ. What can I do best for America, my native land. What can I do best for my

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city, the queenly city of Dallas. What can I do best for my God and my Christ. What can I do. This I can do, I shall support it. Give to it. Pray for it, as I never have in these days that are past.

This week, yesterday, there came to our house a packet from our Stewardship Committee, and on the inside of that packet was this card, a stewardship card. I picked it up, read it, looked at it, and immediately decided in my heart I shall double anything I have ever given to my Lord in these days past. I shall double it, looking to God, trusting God, believing in God, "I can do..." that and all other things that are mandated to us, to me, to you, "through Christ which strengtheneth me."

My brethren we are never but one generation from paganism. Every new generation must be won to Christ. They must be prayed for. They must be taught. They must be guided. It is a never ending assignment. When God commended the ten talent man, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," he never quit. God said, "Be thou ruler over ten cities in this life," and in the life that is to come there are vast assignments, mandates, heavenly work, tasks. Praise God, blessed His name that He would match our souls against it. I don't cringe before what God hath laid upon us to do. I just thank God that he thought that He could trust us with so vast and illimitable an assignment. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

One other thing. In that spirit I can face the future triumphantly in Christ. I can do. I can face the tomorrow triumphantly, victoriously in Christ. I can do, whatever the tomorrow might be. This last summer I realized one of the ambitions of my life. For years I have wanted to go to Antioch on the Orontes River. I made that pilgrimage this last



summer, and stood there in what remains of that great ancient Oriental city. The third city of the Empire. First, Rome, second Alexandria, third Antioch. And standing there on the Orontes I lived over again the story of God's blessings upon His work in that ancient city. It was there that the Hellenistic Jews preached the Gospel to idolators, heathen idolators, and accepting Christ by faith they were gloriously saved. It was there that Barnabas left to go to Tarsus and Silicia to seek Saul, brought him there and together Barnabas and Paul preached the gospel of the grace of the Son of God, and they were called Christians first in Antioch. It was there that the first missionaries were sent out preaching the kind of a gospel, and of a faith which we are the children and the heirs, the Gentile Christianity. And it was there in 70 A.D. that Ignatius was pastor of the church, and in later years John Chrysostom, the greatest preacher that ever lived, the most eloquent, John the Golden Mouthed, John Chrysostom, it was there that he preached in Antioch. And I thought through the life of Ignatius. God's servant and a mighty preacher. He was so effective preaching the gospel of Christ that the emperor Trajan sentenced him to be exposed to the lions in the Roman coliseum. He was taken to Rome, placed in the coliseum, and stood there on the sand of the floor before those tiers of thousands and thousands of blood-thirsty Romans. When the cages were opened and the lions ~~were~~ rushed out, Ignatius held out his hand and his arm and as the first leading lion to reach him clamped his jaws on that hand and that arm, above the crushing of the bones and the tearing of the sinews Ignatius was heard to say, "Now, now I am becoming a Christian." A spirit like that. A dedication like that is unbeatable. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." A spirit of

commitment, of dedication, of response. "Now I begin to be a Christian."

A noble army, men and boys  
the matron and the maid;  
Around the Savior's throne rejoiced  
in robes of light arrayed;  
They climbed the steep ascent of heaven  
through peril, toil and pain;  
Oh God to us may grace be given  
to follow in their train.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The spirit of "can do", the spirit of conquest, the spirit of triumph and victory in our Lord. Oh Christ in heaven bless to us this kind of a dedication, this kind of a will, this kind of a spirit. One that will bless and save our nation, our city, our church, and our souls.