

CANNOT: Its use in the Bible.

1. CAN: Verb transitive. To know, to understand. 'To be able.
2. NOT: An adverb. Expresses negation. CANNOT or the contraction: CAN'T.

3. SOME BIBLE USAGES OF CANNOT.

1. Exodus 19:23: "The people cannot come to Mount Sinai.

2. Gen. 44:22: "The lad cannot leave his father."

3. Gen. 44:26: "We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us then we will go down."

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(1) CANNOT does not here convey the idea of impossibility.

(2) The fact is that later Benjamin did go to Egypt.

4. Luke 14:20: "I have married a wife, therefore I CANNOT come."

(1) Did the man mean that it was impossible for for him to attend the supper? No one would say so.

4. PERSONAL EXAMPLES

1. You are invited, tempted, to engage in some sinful practice and you answer, "I CANNOT!"

2. You are invited to join a party of friends on a journey of pleasure and you answer, "I CANNOT go."

(1) Would any one think that it was impossible for you to go?

5. ANOTHER EXAMPLE

1. Luke 11:5-8: "I CANNOT arise and give thee."
"Because of his importunity (urgent overpressing) he will arise and give him as many as he needeth."

BODIES: 1 Cor. 6:19,29; Romans 12:1.

Singing at Northwest
Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock