

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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* Faith comes by hearing the words of God and fear comes by hearing the "words of the Devil". So if hearing God's words produces faith, hearing the Devil's words produces fear. Just as faith is the substance of things desired, fear is the substance of things not desired.

If you live by "every" word of God, then it is just as true that you would "die" (experiencing death in all its forms i.e., darkness, corruption, sinfulness, fear) by the words of the Devil. Because the Word of God produces life-giving faith, the words of the Devil produce death-giving fear.

When you are speaking contrary to the Word of God, you are producing fear in both your life and in the lives of those who "hear" you. Whether we realize it or not, when we speak contrary to the Word of God we release "negative" spiritual forces out of our mouths [*fear, darkness, unrighteousness etc.*]!

....*"Death and life are in the power of [released through] the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life][Matt. 12:37]".... Proverbs 18:21 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] Grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

....*"If anyone does not stumble in what he says, this one is a spiritually mature man, able to hold in check also his entire body. Now if, as is the case, we put bridles in the mouths of the horses in order that they may be obeying us, we also guide their entire body. Behold also the ships, though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, are guided by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the steersman leads him".... James 3:2-4 The Wuest Translation*