

## 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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\* BELIEVING demands action, creates action. Mental Assent admires, admits, but does not act. Acting on the Word is letting Christ act through you. Acting on the Word, then, gives God an opportunity. Giving the Word its place is giving Christ His position of Lordship.

The problem of believing is made simple when we know that it is acting on what God has spoken.

"Everyone who hears these teachings and acts upon them will be found to resemble a wise man who built his house upon the rock". And everyone that heareth these words and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man who built his house upon the sand." Weymouth Translation

The "rock" is "doing the Word." He that does not do the Word never builds upon a solid foundation.

The hearer must become a doer or else the entire structure that he builds will be destroyed. Jesus illustrates that. He made us know what acting on the Word really means

The wise man is the doer of the Word. The other hears but does not act upon it. He is a Sense Knowledge hearer. He is a Mental Assenter. He may be a vague, indefinite hoper, but he is not a doer. He responds to reason instead of the Word. His spiritual life is built on sand. If he has faith in anything, it is in man, what man has done . . . science, works, organization, etc.. You can tell whether a man is building on the sand or on the rock, by noticing whether he is practicing or not, whether he is acting on the Word.

....*"But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a natural*

*man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholdeth himself and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. "But he that looketh into the perfect law of liberty and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that remembereth, this man shall be blessed in his doing"....  
James 1:22-25*