

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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Say No To Anxious Thoughts [part 3 of 4]

* You can build your faith by quoting the Word of God, but it must be done before fear comes on the scene. Let's say you have prayed and you have confessed God's Word until you believe you have received and thank God for it. At that point, you are fully persuaded that you have received and the Word abides in your heart.

But a month later if it hasn't come to pass, the devil will try to use your carnal mind to steal the Word from you. If you find yourself about to waver from what you believed, that is not the best time to start trying to make a confession. Just refuse to take the thought and rest in what you have already said in faith.

We have an example of this in the fifth chapter of Mark. Jairus had come to Jesus in faith, "And begged Him earnestly, saying, My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." (Mark 5:23) We all recognize that was a faith statement. Jairus spoke those words when his faith was high. He believed if Jesus laid His hands on his daughter, she would live.

Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house when someone came with the bad news. "...Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (Mark 5:35) Jairus had spoken in faith, but the dry winds of doubt were blowing against him. Jesus knew he was in a bad situation, and "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36) In other words, that was not the time for Jairus to start making confessions. He was not mentally up to it. He just needed to rest in the statement he had made when his faith was high.

I have heard some people make confessions out of fear – they were saying the right thing, but it was out of fear rather than faith. Fear had paralyzed faith. Notice again the words of Jesus. "...Do not be afraid, only believe." In other words, Jesus was saying to Jairus: "Just keep your mouth shut, don't say anything that will nullify what you have already established by faith before the bad news came."

Yes, you can quote God's Word in any situation; quote it over and over to yourself. Then when you want to speak a word of faith to affect something, your heart will be filled with the Word of God. Your faith and your Word level will be high.

There is a difference between speaking God's Word to put it inside you and speaking the Word out to affect something. There are times when all Christians have some doubt. Don't try to speak the Word at those times to change things. But rather speak it to plant the Word in your heart and cause faith to come. Or do what Jairus did – keep your mouth shut. Sometimes that is all the corresponding action you need.