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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THE INTEGRITY OF THE WORD

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Faith Comes Through the Word

Romans 10:8, "The Word of Faith which we preach." Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our Faith." I used to wonder how we could look unto Jesus. Then when I found that the Word and Jesus were one, I knew that by looking into the Word and acting on it I brought Jesus on the scene instantly. And when I knew how Faith is perfected by our acting on the Word, letting the Word loose in us, to live in us, dominate us, rule us, I had found the secret. Mark 16:18, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." This means nothing until we act on it. "In My Name they shall cast out demons." The scripture means nothing until we act on it. John 15:16, "That whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name He will do it."

This scripture is useless, dead, until we act on it. It is acting on the Word that builds faith in the believer. You may have all the promises; you may have the mighty Spirit dwelling in you; but if you do not act on the Word, God is impotent in you. Acting on the Word makes Jesus vitally real to the believer. (2 Corinthians 5:7.)

The Word in Our Lips

Romans 10:9-10, "Because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord," and "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." It is the Word in my lips that counts. The Word becomes a living thing in the lips of the believer; it brings the unsaved man under conviction; it gives him faith to act on the Word; it causes the believer to "trust in the Lord with all his heart" (Prov. 3:5). Your word becomes God's Word, and your lips become God's Ambassador. God's Word in your mouth, fresh from the love in your heart, burns in the heart of the hearer.

Feeding on the Word

Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Jeremiah 15:16, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Thy name, 0 Jehovah, God of hosts." Psalm 78:24, 25, "And He rained down manna upon them to eat, and gave them food from heaven. Man did eat the bread of the mighty."

Job 23:12, "I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."