

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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RIGHT AND WRONG CONFESSIONS

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* Faith, like love, is only revealed in action and word. There is no faith without confession. Faith grows with your confession. Confession does several things to the believer: it locates him; it fixes the landmarks of his life; it mightily affects his spirit, the inner man, when he makes his declaration. For instance, there is Romans 10:9–10: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

There are two confessions involved here: first, a confession of the Lordship of Jesus; and, second, that he has become the righteousness of God and is saved. These are positive confessions. The reason the majority of Christians are weak, though they are earnest, is that they have never dared to make a confession of what they are in Christ. What they must do is find what they are in the mind of the Father—how He looks upon them—and then confess it. This can be found in the Epistles. When you find this, you boldly make your confession of what the Word declares you are in Christ. As you do this, your faith will abound. The reason your faith is throttled and held in bondage is that you have never dared to confess what God says you are.

Remember that faith never grows beyond your confession. Your daily confession of what the Father is to you, what Jesus is now doing for you at the right hand of the Father, and what the mighty Holy Spirit is doing in you will build a positive, solid faith life. You will not be afraid of any circumstance, of any disease, or of any condition. You will fearlessly face life—a conqueror. After a while you will find that Romans 8:37 is true: “Nay, in all these things we are more

than conquerors.” You will never be a conqueror until you confess it.