

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 LIVING WORD

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* Jesus gave us in Matthew 13 a marvelous picture of the art of preaching. It is sowing the Word. It falls upon all kinds of hearts, but the irrigation of the soil is dependent upon the sower. If we irrigate it with prayer and sometimes with tears, it is bound to bring forth a harvest. Some of us forget the Word in hard places. Unconsciously we walk by sight. The senses take the reality away from the Word, but as the spirit gains the ascendancy over the senses, the Word once more has its place.

Remember, your word is you. You must learn to say, "I gave my word ; I must keep it, no matter what it costs."

If your word is of no value, you will reason that the Word of God is of no value. I have found that unbelief in the Word of God is largely because of people's lack of faith in their own word. If you want to build the highest type of faith, be a faithful person yourself.

Believe in your own word. Establish a reputation for truth; then the Word will be that to you in your life.

Here are some little facts that may mean much to your life. The Word is on my hands.

What am I going to do with it? Am I going to act upon it, let it govern my life, or will I just study it ? Will I sit in the Bible class and study it and then go back to my room and study it but not live it? Not let it become a part of my life, but just an intellectual exercise? The Word is taking the Master's place in my life.

What I do with the Word will determine what the Word will do to me one of these days.

The Word will work in me, building Jesus' life in me, building Life, Faith, Love, Grace and strength into me, or else it will judge me in the last day. What will it do for me? It will work for me. If I preach it and live it, it will work for me. It will reveal the very riches of my inheritance to me. It will give me courage to enter into and enjoy my inheritance. It will build the Master's steadfastness into me. The very character of Christ will be built into me, and only He knows what it will do through me.

It has saved the lost; it has healed the sick; it has built faith and love in multitudes. Let the Word of Christ then dwell in you richly. You can so soak in the Word and the Word so soak in you, that your word and God's Word become blended into one. It will be your language and your words, but it will be His Word. His Word in you becomes a part of you.

It has made you what you are; it will make others like you. You are lost in the Word, but the Word is found in you. The Word became Flesh once. It is becoming spirit in your spirit.

The Word dwells richly in your practice, in your conversation, in your prayer, in your convictions. You are using the Word to cast out diseases, to bring money to people, to save lost souls.

This Word and you have become one. You remember that for more than fifty years after Christ's death, the Written Word was known only in a very limited way. The New Testament wasn't brought together until the middle of the second century. The Words that Jesus spoke were not yet written. It was the "Spoken Word," but He was in it. They were a part of Christ and they breathed Christ's Nature.

Remember, the Word of God liveth and abideth. All right, speak the Word and it will live in the lives of men who hear you. He said, "I watch over my Word." He will watch over the Word you preach and teach. Jesus said, "If my words are living in you and you are speaking them, I will live in them as they pass from your lips." The Word of Christ becomes a Living thing in your lips. Speak the Word fearlessly. Let the Word live in you gloriously and richly.