

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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"CONFESSION" IS DEFINED AS SAYING WHAT GOD HAS SAID IN HIS WORD ABOUT A CERTAIN THING

* The word confession, in its positive biblical meaning, means affirming what God has said in His Word. It is witnessing to the Word's declaration. It is testifying to truths revealed in the Bible.

We have been divinely instructed to "hold fast our profession" (Hebrews 4:14). The writer of the book of Hebrews further stated, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)" (Hebrews 10:23). Not only are we to "hold fast" our confession of the Word, but we are also to affirm constantly those things that God has revealed to us. (See Titus 3:8.)

Confession is saying what God has said in His Word about a certain thing. It is agreeing with God. It is saying the same thing the Scripture says. To hold fast your confession is to say what God has said over and over until the thing desired in your heart and promised in the Word is fully manifested. There is no such thing as possession without confession.

When we discover our rights in Christ, we are to affirm these things constantly. Testify to them. Witness to these tremendous Bible facts. The apostle Paul said, "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (Philemon 1:6).

Affirmations of truth should ring from our lips constantly. We are to hold fast to them without wavering. The penalty for wavering in our confession is that we deny ourselves God's promise and the performance of it. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with

the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord” (James 1:6–7).

The psalmist said, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so” (Psalm 107:2), and again, “Let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified” (Psalm 70:4).

But more than truth, Scripture is full of life itself. Jesus said, “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life” (John 5:24). He also said, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63.)

The Word of God is life itself. When we confess it, we Speak Life into our lives and into the lives of others around us. And that life is the “abundant life” that Jesus spoke about, lives filled with success, healing, power, and every good thing.

Through the Word of God, you and I have the distinct privilege of being able to Speak Life, each and every day. But to do so, we must constantly return to His Word to be refilled. As the apostle Peter said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).