

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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These Things Affirm Constantly"

....*"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently [affirm constantly], so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men".... Titus 3:8 NASB*

* The word confession, in its positive meaning in the Bible, is affirming what God has said in His Word. It is witnessing to the Word's declaration. It is testifying to truths revealed in the Book. We have been divinely instructed to "hold fast our confession" (Hebrews 4:14 nkjv); and again, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23 nkjv). Not only are we to hold fast our confession of the Word, but we are to affirm constantly those things God has revealed to us.

What is confession? 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's 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 gigantic Bible facts. Or as Paul said in Philemon 6, "The communication of thy faith [becomes] effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (emphasis added).

Affirmations of truth are to 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...let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord” (James 1:6–7).

“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so” (Psalm 107:2). “Let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified” (Psalm 70:4, emphasis added).

What things are we to affirm constantly? Affirm the positive Scriptures that reveal the good things within us in Christ. There are hundreds of powerful affirmations to make constantly as we speak the language of the Scripture.

These things affirm constantly:

God is who He says He is.

I am who God says I am.

God can do what He says He can do.

I can do what God says I can do.

God has what He says He has.

I have what God says I have.