

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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OUR SOLID FRONT

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* MOST OF US have never realized the vital place that our testimony or confession holds in our daily life.

Colossians 2:5 (Weymouth Translation): "For although, as you say, I am absent from you in body, yet in spirit I am present with you and am delighted to witness your good discipline and the solid front presented by your faith in Christ."

Their solid front was a persistent, intelligent confession of what they were in Christ.

Philippians 1:27, "Only let the lives you live be worthy of the Good News of the Christ, in order that, whether I come and see you, or, being absent, only hear of you, I may know that you are standing fast shoulder to shoulder for the faith of the Good News. Never for a moment quail before your antagonists."

And the twenty-eighth verse illustrates beautifully our solid front.

"Your fearlessness will be to them a sure token of impending destruction, but to you it will be a sure token of your salvation token coming from God" (Weymouth).

The Philippian believers had had a hard battle. The church was located in the prison keeper's home. It had come into being when Paul and Silas were imprisoned and God had set them free in such a miraculous way that the keeper had turned to God and a church had been formed in his own home. (Read Acts 16:11-34.) They had to put up a solid front or Satan would have absolutely overwhelmed them. The

same thing is true today. Many are sick and weak and total failures because of their public confession. The Spirit speaks of that type of Christian.