

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 POWER OF YOUR WORDS

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* Faith's confession is always a joyful confession. It confesses that we have the money before it has arrived. It confesses perfect healing while pain is still in the body. It confesses victory while defeat still holds it captive.

Your confession is based upon the living Word. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded' that he is not only able to make good, but He is making good now in my case" (2 Timothy 1:12).

I prayed for one who was very ill. After I had finished praying, the person said, "I know I am going to get well."

I knew that we were defeated, and I said to her, "When are you going to get well?"

She said, "I do not know when, but I know I will, for the Word cannot fail me."

I said, "No, but you have failed the Word. The Word is now, faith is now. Is the Word true in your case?"

She said, "Yes, indeed it is true."

"Then," I said, "by His stripes what?"

She saw it. "Why, by His stripes I am healed."

I said, “When?”

She said, “Now.”

I said, “You had better get up and dress then.”

I remember an aged man in Fredericton, New Brunswick, a deacon in the Baptist church there, who came down with double pneumonia. Several of the local pastors and I went up to pray for him. I anointed him and we prayed.

After we prayed, he said with a strong voice, “Wife, get my clothes; I am getting up.” That was joy acting on the Word. When we confess the Word with joy, it brings conviction to the listeners. In Romans 10:10 the Scripture says, “For with the heart man believeth.” I like to translate it like this: “For with the heart, man acts on the Word.” The heart acts, and that drives the lips to confession.

A doubting heart is a sense-ruled heart, but a fearless confession comes from a Word-ruled heart. The Word dominates the heart life, and the person speaks as Paul did, saying, “I know whom I have believed” (2 Timothy 1:12).