

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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REALIZATION FOLLOWS CONFESSION

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Defeated with your Own Lips

- * You said that you could not, and the moment you said it, you were whipped.

You said you did not have faith, and doubt arose like a giant and bound you.

You are imprisoned with your own words.

You talked failure, and failure held you in bondage.

Proverbs 6:2 says, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth."

Few of us realize that our words dominate us.

A young man said, "I was never whipped until I confessed I was whipped."

Another said, "The moment I began to make a bold, confident confession, a new courage that I had never known took possession of me."

Another young mother said, "My lips have been a constant curse. I have never been able to get the mastery of my lips."

A woman said the other day, "I always speak my mind." She has few friends. Only pity causes people to go see her. Her lips have been her curse.

It isn't so bad speaking your mind if you have the mind of Christ, but as

long as you have a mind dominated by the Devil, few people care to hear your mind.

Never fear failure.

Never talk defeat.

Never for a moment acknowledge that God's ability can't put you over.

Become "God-inside minded," remembering that greater is He that is in you than any force that can come against you; remembering that God created a universe with words, that words are mightier than tanks or bombs, mightier than the Army or Navy.

Learn to use words so that they will work for you and be your servants.

Learn that your lips can make you a millionaire or a pauper; wanted or despised; a victor or a captive.

Your words can be filled with faith that will stir heaven and make men want to be around you.

Remember that you can fill your words with love so that they will melt the coldest heart, and warm and heal the broken and discouraged. In other words, your words can become what you wish them to be. You can make them rhyme. You can fill them with rhythm. You can fill them with hatred, with poison; or you can make them breathe the very fragrance of heaven.

Now you can see vividly what your confession can mean to your own heart. Your faith will never register above the words of your lips.

It isn't so bad to think a thing as it is to say it. Thoughts may come and persist in staying, but if you refuse to put them into words they will die unborn.

Cultivate the habit of thinking big things, and then learn to use words that will react upon your own spirit and make you a conqueror.

Jesus' confessions proved to be realities. Faith's confessions create realities.

Jesus confessed that He was the Light of the world. He was it. The rejection of Him has plunged the world into a new darkness.

He said He was the Bread from heaven, and it is true. The people who have fed upon His words have never suffered want.

His words build faith as we act on them and let them live in us.

His words were filled with Himself; as we act on them, they fill us with Christ.

His words feed faith and cause it to grow in power in us.

The believer's words should be born of love and filled with love.

Our lips are taking the place of His.

Our words should never bruise or hurt, but should bless and heal.

Jesus was the Way, the Reality, and the Life.

We are taking His place, showing the Way, confessing the Reality, enjoying the Life.

You will never enjoy what you are in Christ until His love rules your lips.