

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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WHEN THINGS GET HARD

* Almost anyone can steer a boat in faith weather, but the storm brings the test. It is when business dies in your hands that it takes courage to face it and find out where the difficulty lays, and with a resolute spirit, correct the abuses and drive the thing on to victory. When your income stops and the money is all gone, what really counts is to face life and conquer. The spirit that wins is the one that remembers it built that business with words and remembers the vibrant thrill that accompanied that creation. He remembers how he could thrill men and make them do what he wanted them to do. Old age cannot rob you of that. All you need is those vibrant, overcoming words.

“But,” you say “when I speak those words, there is something inside of me that contradicts them.”

Well, go inside of you and drive that something out. That can be done.

You see, there are times when you must go resolutely to the Father, open up your heart to Him, lay the thing before Him, and say, “Now, Father, here is my condition. I want you to so build yourself into me that my life will come to the level of your Word, so that no hard times and no catastrophes can move me, and so that I will face everything as a victor. When everything around me shouts, “Whipped,” I will know that I am a victor.

“I will not lose my head nor my heart nor my faith.” Drink your cup of gall, but drink it in silence. You are facing life as it is, but you are facing it with God. You are facing it with Omnipotence. Greater is He that is in you than any force that can be against you. (See 1 John 4:4.) You are a conqueror. You are not beaten. The fight is not over yet. You sit down and grow utterly quiet. You remember that God is in you. You remember that you are in Christ, and that all who are in Christ

are conquerors. You regard the circumstances around you like the shells and bombs that destroyed Shanghai. But the spirit of Shanghai is not destroyed. She has built a city again. The spirit that is in you is not whipped. You will build the house again. You will build your place in life again. They cannot conquer you. You never think of defeat in connection with your life, for your life is hid with Christ in God where only victory dwells.