

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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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

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* The source of many of our troubles is our tongue. God has prescribed a cure for our “tongue troubles,” and that is to use our tongues in praising the Lord. David said,

“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth”.... Psalm 34:1.

David had learned the secret of victory over his tongue—to keep it busy praising God.

Giving thanks can be more than an expression of gratitude. It can be the victorious fulfillment of the promises of God. Sometimes, they may appear too good to be true. Or could it be that we are not certain that God is sincerely offering something?

God is not a man that He should lie. In Christ, the promises of God are “yea” and “amen.” (See 2 Corinthians 1:20.) God is no miser. “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).

Yes, “all things are yours” (1 Corinthians 3:21). But it is one thing to hold the title only and yet another to claim possession. To receive a gift is simply to take it from the giver and seal the transaction with the words, “Thank you.”