

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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FAITH FOR GOD'S PROVISION

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You Must Fulfill the Conditions of God's Word to Receive the Provision.

Naaman the leper – II Kings 5:1-14

* Naaman was an important captain in the Syrian army, but he was afflicted with leprosy. Through the witness of a little household maid, Naaman heard about the miracles done by the prophet Elisha and went to his house for healing. Elisha sent a messenger and told Naaman to go wash in the Jordan seven times and he would be healed.

Naaman became angry, because Elisha didn't pray for him personally or lay hands on him. Because of a preconceived idea, he could have lost his opportunity, returned home, and died a leper. But after an encouraging word from his servant, he was obedient and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan.

I'm sure that each time Naaman dipped himself in that muddy river he paused and looked at his skin. But it wasn't any different until he met the conditions by dipping seven times. Then *"his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."* (II Kings 5:14 NJKV)

Hebrews 10:35-36 brings this event into a scriptural conclusion:

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."