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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Even In Desperate Situations, Use the Faith You Have to Seize God's Opportunity

The man at the pool of Bethesda – John 5:1-14

* The lame man at the pool of Bethesda also had a God-given opportunity. He didn't really know who Jesus was, but something about the way Jesus said,

"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk," (John 5:8)

made the man recognize authority in His words. He acted on the words of Jesus and took up his bed and walked.

This man was probably taught all his life that it was wrong to carry anything on the Sabbath, but opportunity necessitates making a decision. He probably asked himself, "Am I going to be religiously correct and believe only what I have been taught, or am I going to *act* on the authority of these words and be well?" He decided he would rather be healed than religiously correct.

Sometimes God's Word may seem contrary to human reasoning, because of what men have taught. The Holy Spirit will bring a revelation on the inside (in your spirit) that is stronger than all the outward logic or evidence.

Faith is never blind. Faith always sees the end results. *Faith is an act* based on divine revelation from God's Word. And that persuasion results in attitudes and actions which bring the manifestation of opportunities for God's provision.

God has made abundant provision for you through Jesus.

Regardless of the circumstances you may be facing or the needs in your life, God has already provided the answer through His Word. Won't you accept Him at His Word and act upon the promise today?