### 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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#### FORGIVING AND UNFORGIVENESS

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# APPROPRIATING, BY FAITH, THE GRACE TO FORGIVE IS THE ONLY WAY FOR ONE TO RISE ABOVE THE BONDAGE OF UNFORGIVENESS

\* Quite simply, appropriating, by faith, the Grace [divine Ability] to forgive is the ONLY way for one to rise above the bondage of unforgiveness - as it is ONLY divine Love [and the Grace that is its spontaneous fruit] that can empower us to forgive.

One may have a "good intention" to forgive - and, for a time, it may appear that there is a release from whatever caused them to enter into unforgiveness - but, in reality, forgiving in one's own strength is just another way to "sweep things under the carpet" so to speak - and, thus, somewhere down the line when the person that has done wrong does it again or even someone else in their sphere of existence does something similar THEN all of the "feelings" [and resentments] will rise to the surface once again.

When we make the "quality decision" to forgive [even though it may seem an impossible task at first] the Heavenly Father is not expecting us to do anything but believe in His Word - and through the accessing of His Grace [which is encompassed in the totality of Jesus - Who is the Word of God] - again, through a simple faith and trust in Him - allow Him to supernaturally empower us to "rise above" the things which seem impossible to us, such as forgiving those who have transgressed against us - or against those we love.

Without question, the importance of forgiving and the great danger of one

holding to unforgiveness is something that each and every one of us needs to gain a deep revelation of.

...."The things impossible with men are possible with God".... Luke 18:27 Young's Literal Translation

...."Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding [sense-knowledge and perception]. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him [through the continual accessing of His Grace], and He [the Spirit of Grace] will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation