

# 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

**[part 4 of 5]**

### HATRED OPENS THE DOOR TO ALL MANNER OF EVIL IN ONE'S LIFE

\* When one "holds to" *[maintains]* unforgiveness *[to any degree]* THEN they become "susceptible" to the Enemy's attempts to lure them into taking offense *[at even the smallest of things]* - which then, in turn, "fuels" *[builds upon]* the "resentment and bitterness" that are designed by the Enemy to protect the "root" *[stronghold]* of unforgiveness that he has established in that one's heart and mind. "Hatred" *[offense, bitterness, unforgiveness]* opens the door to all manner of evil *[curses]* entering into the life of the one who "maintains" an offense.

**"susceptible"** - accessible or especially liable or subject to some influence; yielding readily to; liable to be afflicted by;

....*"Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from **and fails to secure God's Grace** [His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing], **in order that no root of resentment** [rancor, bitterness, or hatred] **shoots forth** and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it".... Hebrews 12:14-15 The Amplified Translation*

Forgiveness is an act of one's will and, also, an act of faith - which is activated and energized by the Love of God, alone. In other words, when one make a quality decision of the heart to be free from unforgiveness in any of its forms there is nothing the Enemy can do about it - and, ultimately, that one will

experience perfect liberty where previously there has been great torment.

**"quality decision"** - a decision of the heart from which there is NO turning back;

*...."if we walk in the Light [a revelation of the Truth] as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son [continually] cleanses us from all sin".... 1 John 1:7 NASB*