

# **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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## **AFFIRMATION**

**[part 6 of 7]**

### **Some Things That Are Not Faith**

\* “Claiming the promises” is not faith. Faith already has it. “Claiming” proves that one does not have it yet. It is unbelief attempting to act like faith.

As long as one is trying to get it, faith has not yet acted. Faith says, “Thank You, Father.” Faith has it. Faith has arrived. Faith stops praying and begins to praise.

Doubt says, “I claim the promises.” “I am standing on the promises.” This is all the language of doubt.

Unbelief quotes the Word but does not act upon it. We call this Mental Assent.

I can remember in those early days how we used to “plead the promises and claim them as ours.” We did not know that our very language savored of unbelief.

You see, believing is simply acting on the Word. We act on the Word as we would act on the word of a loved one.

We act on the Word because we know that it is true. We do not try to believe it. We do not pray for faith; we simply act upon it.

Someone said to me the other day, “I am trying to make the Word true.” I said, “I do not see why you need to do that, because it has always been true.”

People do not know the Word until they begin to practice it and let it live in them. They may have sat under one of the finest teachers or preachers in the country for years, yet it has never become a part of their lives.