

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 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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**"Fear not, only believe...."* - If we are bearing the burden of a dead or a dying church and if we are going to take part in the work of rousing her and lifting her up into abundant life in Christ, we need a word like this. It will bring us the joyous assurance, day by day, that Christ is with us, that He will work through us, and that we can count upon Him to give the blessing. Even when the word comes, "there is no hope, death reigns, all your efforts are in vain", we are still to be of good cheer and hold on to His word. "Fear not, only believe" must be our watchword. But only to the one who waits at Christ's feet in prayer and looks to Him alone. There we shall learn that throughout all Scripture it is faith, in the midst of seeming impossibility, that waits and claims the fulfillment of the promise.

Think of Abraham, "who waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, being fully assured that what He had promised, He was also able to perform".

It is as we persevere in prayer and take hold of definite promises and beseech Him greatly to fulfill them, that we shall, in spite of every obstacle, hold fast our confidence to the end. We may find that as time goes on, as the insight into the deadly state of the church grows deeper, and as experience teaches us how very hard it is to rouse Christians to the full meaning of, and full surrender to, the claims of Christ, our hearts will often fail us for fear and grow faint. But if we have made our covenant with Christ that we dare not go back, but are determined to hold on, we shall find that just one word from our Lord hidden in the heart and lived on day by day, will give strength in the time of the greatest darkness.

....*"and Jesus having heard, answered him, saying, `Be not afraid, only believe".... Luke 8:50 Young's Literal Translation*