

The Word of Faith

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GOOD SUCCESS IN LIFE

I Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Here we get a picture of the three-fold man--spirit and soul and body. Right now we are interested primarily with the spirit of man--the real man, the real you. We have spent in this natural world millions of dollars to develop the physical and hundreds of millions to develop the mental or intellectual processes, which are a part of man's soul. But we haven't done much and it seems we don't know much about developing the spirit of man.

The spirit of man can be educated, trained, and built up just as his mind can be educated. It can be built up in strength just as the body can be built up. I have a little four point formula that I give people to follow to develop, to educate, to train your spirit.

First of all we must meditate in the Word of God. The Word of God was given to us by the Holy Ghost. Holy men of old wrote as they were moved and inspired by the Spirit of God. The Word of God was given to us to fit and to develop our spirit natures, our spiritual man.

God said to Joshua when he became leader of Israel, "This

book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." So, He tells Joshua how to make his way prosperous, and have good success in life.

Another translation reads, "And then thou shalt be able to deal wisely in the affairs of life." You couldn't very well have success in life without being able to deal wisely in the affairs of life. How will it come about? By meditation in the Word. There is a principle that is involved in what God said to Joshua that will work for us. Spiritual principles work and never change.

~~We would paraphrase it in New Testament language like this,~~ this book of the New Testament shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do, or to walk, according to the law of the New Covenant, which is the law of love, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success.

It will come about, number one, by meditating in the Word. In other words, begin the development of your own spirit. Your spirit must have the privilege of meditation in the Word, and of

feeding upon the Word. Take time to meditate in the Word.

Then, number two, the educating, the training, the development, the building up in strength of our spirit, comes by practicing the Word. What do I mean when I say practice the Word? I mean the same thing that James means and says in James 1:22. He is not writing this book to sinners; he is not writing this letter to the world.

He is writing this letter to Christians, to believers, to brethren. Right on through the chapters you will notice him saying again and again, "My brethren..." He said, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." A doer of the Word is one who practices the Word. It is one thing to hear it, but it is another thing to do it.

We have too many hearers, and not enough practicers. He said, "Be ye doers." Too many times we hear it and we shake our heads yes. We say, "Amen, that is all true." But we don't do it, so it won't help us any. He said "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of

the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed." We have a lot of self-deluded people. No, the devil didn't delude or deceive them. They have deceived and deluded themselves. He said if you hear the word but don't do it or practice it, you are deluding yourselves.

You are the one who did it, not the devil, not someone else. There is no use trying to blame it on someone else. It is very easy to blame things on someone else; but whether anyone else obeys the Word or not, you can. Whether anyone else walks in love or not, you can walk in love. To be a doer of the New Testament you have to walk in love. That is the new law of this new covenant.

Third, put the Word first in your life. We can become so Word conscious that no matter what comes up, no matter what we face, the first thing we think is, "What does God's Word say?" There are not really many people like that. When emergencies arise they think first of all from the natural standpoint, because they haven't soaked in the Word of God.

They haven't built God's Word into their spirit, so something else comes to their mind. They rush to do something else other than what God's Word says. I believe that we should and can so feed upon God's Word, and soak in God's Word until that Word becomes a part of our inward nature, until any emergency that arises or whatever comes, the first thing that we will think of on the inside of us is what God's Word says.

It will rise up in us and give illumination to our minds and direction to our spirits. But if God's Word does not have first place in our lives then we'll think of something else and we will put something else first. You can find direction in God's

Word, and if you'll listen to the Holy Spirit, He'll take the Word of God and direct you. He'll take the Word and open it to you.

In so many of the affairs of life we already have direction from God. To tell you the truth about the matter (and God knows I'm not minimizing prayer because most of us need to pray more than what we are praying), a lot of times things we are praying about are already answered in the Word. If you are going to put worry first, you can't put God's Word first. If you are going to put anxiety first, you can't put God's Word first.

You are not going to develop spiritually and gain spiritual strength putting something else first. You see what I'm talking about? I believe that we should become so Word of God conscious until, regardless of what comes up, we should ask ourselves the question, "What does God's Word say about this?" Then do what that Word says.

Does He have anything to say about worry?

Yes, He does. He tells you what to do with it. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." If you don't do what God says, do you think you are going to get any help from God by disobeying His Word? You're not. You're not putting it first.

Does God's Word have anything to say about the other affairs of life? Yes. No matter what you face, God's Word has something to say about it. God's Word says, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

So, no matter what it is that you face in the world, He that is in you is greater than that. Now you believe that, then you can face life fearlessly. You can face life with the spirit of a conquerer no matter what the circumstances. Hallelujah!

Now, number four, the educating, training and development of our spirits comes by instantly obeying the voice of our spirit. Remember this, God speaks to your spirit. He doesn't speak to your head. Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." God informs your spirit, and your spirit will pass that information on to your mind.

Your spirit has a voice. We call it guidance, we call it intuition, we call it an inward voice, we call it conscience. Your conscience is the voice of your spirit. The conscience of an unsaved man is an unsafe guide, because his conscience will permit him to do a lot of things that are wrong. If a man is born again, his spirit has become a new spirit with the life and nature of God in it.

If your spirit has the privilege to feed upon, meditate in, practice God's Word, and put it first, then you can see that your conscience and your spirit will become a safe guide and will become the voice of God speaking to you. Can you understand that? I believe that if we will walk in fellowship with God through His Word and by prayer, train and develop and fit our spirit through the Word of God, and learn to instantly obey the voice of our spirits, then after awhile we can know the will of God the Father even in the minor details of life.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

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The crusade in Nashville, Tennessee which was scheduled at the Holiday Inn, April 30 thru May 7th has been cancelled due to some difficulties. However, we will be having two crusades in Tennessee which are as follows:

MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

Holiday Inn, Interstate 24 and Franklin Exit. Beginning Sunday Afternoon, April 30, 2:30 p.m. thru Wednesday Evening, May 3, 7:30 p.m. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

North Glenwood Baptist Church, 510 Oklahoma Avenue. Beginning Thursday Evening, May 4, 7:30 p.m. thru Sunday Evening, May 7, 7:30 p.m. There will be two services each day, Friday thru Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The other Crusades for the month of May are:

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Berean Baptist Church, 40th Terrace & Denton. Beginning Sunday Evening, May 14, 7:00 p.m. thru Sunday Evening, May 21, 7:00 p.m. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA

First Christian Church, Water and Harrison Streets. Beginning Sunday Evening, May 28, 7:30 p.m. thru Sunday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY LESSON

The lesson this month is on faith and is titled, "Faith, How To Get It." In this lesson, we discuss how faith comes thru the Word of God. The lesson is free to all those who write and request it. Send for your free copy today.

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