

Meditating on God's Word

You'll never have the strength that God wants you to have until you start meditating on His Word and reciting it over and over again to yourself day and night. One definition of meditate is to mutter to oneself. **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**

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

One way you can meditate on the Word is to go to bed at night quoting a verse of scripture until you fall asleep. Quote Romans 8:26-28, or 1 Peter 2:24: **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

Galatians 3:13,14: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Isaiah 41:10,11: Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Your greatest faith accomplishments are going to come through you meditating on the Word and praying in the spirit. You may not know this now, **but just do it anyway!**

**When You Trust in God Alone,
You're not Weak, & You're not the Victim**

Jesus said in Mark 11:22, **...Have faith in God.**

Psalm 118:8,9: **It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.**

Don't look to the government to bail you out of your problems, and don't put your confidence in mankind (Ps. 118:8,9). You are never to base your faith on people, or the economy, or on circumstances. Your faith is always to be based on the Word of God. Never misplace your faith by putting it anywhere other than on God and in His Word!

Philippians 4:19 says, **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Showing Weakness is Not an Option

As believers, we never talk or act like we're weak or helpless. One reason for this is because Satan is our enemy, and we don't give him any place (**Neither give place to the devil. Eph. 4:27**). He takes advantage of weak Christians. If you don't keep yourself built up spiritually, the devil will take advantage of your spiritual weakness. That's why we're instructed by God to be strong (Ephesians 6:10-18 & Joshua 1:9:...**Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**)

People aren't our enemy; the devil is. Satan is the one who causes all the stealing, killing and destroying. Until you know and realize this, you'll always blame God and wonder why He allowed certain things to happen. The reason some people get upset, mad and offended at God is because someone they love died, or didn't get healed, or whatever. But, no matter how it may seem to appear, don't blame God for what did happen or did not happen.

It's never God's fault if someone didn't get healed, or if they were killed. God doesn't steal, kill, or destroy. Jesus told us it was the devil that does the stealing, killing and destroying: **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** John 10:10

Another reason we are admonished by God not to show weakness is because it is an indication that you're doubting God and what He said in His Word. **...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.** Romans 14:23

For the past several years, most Americans have lived a sheltered, pampered life. They really haven't had to develop their faith in God or His Word. The economy has been great, and so have all the advances that medical science has made. And, because people have the tendency not to go to God if they don't need Him, many individuals have not taken the opportunity that they could have, to build up their faith in God's Word.

Just going to church once a week and reading a chapter in the Bible every day won't build your faith up. Doing that takes no effort on your part. But when you start walking the floors and telling Satan, "In Jesus' Name, It is written, by His stripes, I am healed" and you spend time praising and thanking God that you are healed because His Word says you are, not only are you resisting the devil, you're exercising spiritually. And the more you exercise spiritually, the more spiritually strong you become. You don't want to become spiritually soft. That's being passive. You must be very aggressive with the weapons God gave you to resist the devil.

When I was in Bible school, many nights, I'd get up and walk up and down the hallway floor, reading scriptures from my Bible, while thanking and praising God that all my needs were met and my bills were paid, because they had turned off my electricity and my phone. I was behind on my rent and my tuition, not to mention all the other problems that were rising up! In the midst of those trials, I'd make myself praise God and thank Him that every need was met. When I told this story to someone a few weeks ago, they said, "How come you didn't go on welfare? They would have helped you out."

Thank God for all the programs we have, and if you get the witness in your heart that God wants you to go in that direction, you follow God, but doing so is never a replacement for God's best, and these programs are not to be your source. It's real tempting for us to take the easy way out, but your goal is to be self-sufficient enough to need no aid or support.

What I mean by "goal" is that your attention should be focused on God's Word that every one of your needs is met in abundance: **And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].** 2 Cor. 9:8 AMP

If you're going to the doctor and taking medicine, just keep telling God that He is your physician, and continually thank Him that you're redeemed from sickness (Gal. 3:13), and that by His stripes, you're healed (Gal. 3:13, 1 Pet. 2:24).

If you're unemployed, keep thanking God that you've got a job, and don't be too proud to do any kind of work (James 4:6).

If you are getting some kind of government assistance, keep thanking and praising God that He's your source, that the Lord is your Shepherd, and that He provides all of your needs in abundance (Phil 4:19, Psalm 23:1).

Thanking and Praising God All the Time

It's very important that you praise God all the time. Get on your knees and lift your hands up to God and thank Him and praise Him. Tell Him you appreciate everything He's given you and done for you.

1 Timothy 2:8: **I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.**

Philippians 2:9-11: **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Hebrews 13:15: **By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.**

You're calling those things that be not as though they were, and you're thanking God in faith, believing that you've got what you've prayed for, in Jesus' Name. (Ro. 4:17-21)
You're not thanking God for the problem; He didn't cause the problem.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Don't ever start this kind of thinking or talking: "The Lord knows my needs better than I do." That is irresponsible and lazy. You want your faith to be specific. Whatever it is that you want from God, you ask Him for it, and then you praise Him and thank Him for it, and continually thank Him that you've received it.

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow. Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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