

CHAPTER 12

THE LAW OF SUCCESS (e²)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

God revealed the "law of success" to Joshua shortly after he took over the leadership of the nation of Israel from the Old Testament patriarch Moses. He admonished Joshua four times in the first chapter of the book of Joshua to "be strong and of good courage." After he had proclaimed the "law of success" to Joshua he added, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The "law of success" found in Joshua 1:8 states:

- Confess My Word from your mouth continuously...
- Meditate upon My Word day and night...
- Do all that is written in My Word...
- Then you will make **yourself** prosperous, and then you will be successful.

David reiterates the "law of success" in slightly different words: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper (Psalms 1:1-3). These scriptures affirm the importance of guarding the thoughts we allow to inhabit our mind and controlling the words we allow to be spoken from our mouth as they will determine our success or failure in life.

MEDITATION

When the Creator's Handbook uses the English word *meditation* it is translating the Hebrew word *hagah* (hah-gah) (Strong's #1897). *Hagah* means something quite unlike the English meaning for meditation which is a mental exercise only. In Hebrew to meditate means to reflect, to ponder, to mutter, to contemplate a thought as one quietly repeats the words to themselves (while utterly abandoning outside distractions). It means in today's vernacular to "think upon and confess." Meditation (thinking upon and confessing) is the quickest way to renew your mind and to receive revelation knowledge concerning the Word of God. It is the way that God has given you and me to build strong faith in your heart.

F.F. Bosworth, an early twentieth-century evangelist, said, "Most Christians feed their body three warm meals a day and their spirits one cold snack on Sunday, and then they wonder why they are so weak in faith."

MEDITATION IS THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OF THE SOUL AND THE SPIRIT

When we eat natural food our body's digestive system assimilates that food into a form that produces strong bodies. Similarly when we meditate on the Word of God day and night, faith becomes established in our heart and produces a strong spirit. Meditation is the digestive system of the soul and the spirit. As words are contemplated in the mind and spoken from our mouth, they are digested by the soul and established in the spirit. Just as it takes time for natural food to digest and strengthen our physical body, so it takes time for the Word of God to digest and strengthen our spirit. It takes time for meditation on (thinking upon and confessing) the Word of God--"the word of faith"--to develop faith in our inner man.

I remember the first time I heard my voice on a tape recorder. I was a teenager and tape recorders were not the small handheld electronic types we have today; they were quite large and very bulky, and the tape itself was a fine stainless steel wire. I could hardly believe that the deep male voice I heard on the tape recorder was actually my voice. You see I had never heard my voice with the outer ear. I had always heard my voice with my inner ear, but everyone else in the room had heard me with his or her outer ear. They knew what I really sounded like and they assured me that the voice on the tape recorder was mine. God has created mankind with two sets of ears. Each of us has an outer ear and an inner ear. The inner ear is made up of a bone structure inside your head. I believe that when you speak, the inner ear feeds your voice directly to your inner man, your spirit man. This makes the words you speak to yourself much more important than the words that others speak to you. Faith comes more quickly when you hear yourself confessing **God's Word** than when you hear others speaking it to you.

When you think upon God's Word, the mental picture developed in your mind is impressed upon your spirit; and when you confess God's Word with your mouth, your spiritual ear hears it, and your spirit man begins to produce faith in that word. If you meditate upon (think upon and confess) God's Word concerning prosperity, your spirit man will develop faith for prosperity. If on the other hand you meditate on God's Word concerning healing, your spirit man will develop faith for healing. If you want to produce success in your life, you must first determine the area of your life in which you want to become prosperous and successful. Next, you need to find God's Word promising you those things. Finally, you need to meditate on those words night and day until they become established in your heart.

Since May of 2003, I have disciplined myself to spend an hour or more each day meditating on (thinking upon and confessing) God's Word. Every day I arise early and meditate on God's promises to prosper me, to heal me, to protect me, to guide me. I meditate on the authority over Satan that Jesus has delegated to the believer. I am in effect meditating on my rights and privileges as a citizen of the kingdom of God. When I first started this daily routine in 2003, I faced a major financial challenge in my business. (I discuss this challenge in detail in later in this book.) As I meditated on God's Word, my spirit began to grow stronger, and as faith in God's promises to prosper me became firmly established in my spirit, that faith produced a fifty percent increase in sales, and it generated the highest annual profit that the company had ever experienced. You see, as I was feeding my spirit "faith food," I was building it up so that I could overcome the devil, the world and the flesh. As I travel around the world and pray for others to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, healing or deliverance, I am amazed at the boldness that this daily meditation in the Word of God has produced in my spirit. The Word of God will produce the same boldness in your spirit if you will only take the time to meditate upon it.