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I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you
by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a
covenant to the people, as a *light to the nations*... Isaiah 42:6

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Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)

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.

Many people who consider themselves “faith people” (that would include most, if not all of our readers) know certain basics of how faith works. They know the importance of getting a Word “seed” from the Word of God, and directing that seed at whatever problem or need that they may have. They also know the power of positive confession, and confess their “Word from God” without ceasing. Yet, many get discouraged because they do not get the manifestation of what they have been confessing. Why?

I am in no way minimizing the importance of confession and hearing from the Word, written or spoken - these are extremely important and must not be omitted from a life of faith. Yet, if results seem to be lacking, it may be possible that something is being overlooked, and that something could be in the scripture above: **Meditate** that you may **do**.

Many people want nothing to do with meditation, because they picture themselves wrapped in a sheet, sitting on a mountain top with no food and meditating on something that seems to have nothing to do with the problem. This is **not** Biblical meditation!

Meditation is really part of renewing the mind. Your life will not be transformed until you renew your mind. Renewing the mind is not just being able to confess something and quote a Bible verse. Meditation is not just thinking about something... it carries the idea of “muttering” it to yourself. “*By His stripes I am healed.*” Confession and meditation are both part of being a **doer** of the Word. It’s meditation when you say it to yourself, but it’s an act of faith when you say it to whatever is opposing you - when you speak to your body in pain: “*Take your hands off me,*

because by His stripes I am healed!”

Think of God’s Word kind of like money - you can’t spend what’s not yours. Meditation helps you become an owner of what God says. It drives it into your spirit, and into your thought life. Meditation is how you make the Word yours. It’s not just putting the Word in you – it’s putting you in that Word. The Word becomes a living thing to you – not just something that seems dead to you. It’s alive because you meditated on it and made it yours.

So first, you’re building it in you, but eventually you are “spending” it as an act. You can’t spend it as an act until you’ve spoken it and built it in you. This is where people get discouraged – they try to spend what they haven’t made theirs – and that requires meditation.

Where many people run into difficulty is they get a Word from God, and immediately try to act. Well, if you’re ready to act, that’s good... but most of the time you’re ready to meditate on what you’ve heard. You’ve got to meditate and make it yours, and many times people try to spend it before it’s theirs. Meditation makes it real to you. This is why people give up, because they try to act on something they have not yet made part of their own spirit. But what many people do is confess, confess, confess – and wait for God to perform what they’re confessing. And they wait. And 5 years later they’re still waiting. Nothing is happening because they’re not acting.

One thing we all need to remember: Anything God says to you is not automatic. Many times faith people think: “*If God said it, it will come to pass.*” The truth is, everything God says has the power to come to pass, but how you handle what He says determines whether or not it comes to pass in your life. And meditation along with acting (being a doer) is how to handle it.

Meditation changes how you think about things. Meditation changes impossible to possible in your thinking. As long as you think something is impossible, it will stay impossible.



Above left: In Ózd, Hungary a small group of believers meet in the home of Istvan and Szilvia Sule. Ózd is in the Northern part of Hungary and has the highest percentage of Romas in the entire country. **Above right:** Here, Pastor Istvan prays for a man from the church in Ózd whose wife recently passed away. Pastor Istvan and Szilvia travel twice each month to Szakcs, Hungary where they teach and oversee the group there. **Below left,** Pastor Istvan instructs and encourages a man who submitted his life to Jesus. The church in Szakcs is growing! **Below right:** The people in Szakcs are also committed to the Light to the Nations video Bible school, and are shown here checking out scriptures from the lesson they are watching.

You and I can't do the impossible, but when you meditate, you realize – *that's not impossible to God*. And what you used to call impossible, you can call possible if you've meditated. But to those who don't meditate, everything stays impossible. And it's not getting God to think different – nothing is impossible to Him... but what we believe is possible with God is determined by how we think.

As you may have noticed, the pictures in our newsletter this month all have to do with Light to the Nations Pastor Istvan and Szilvia Sule. Pastor Istvan and Szilvia live in the city of Ózd, Hungary where they have been working with Light to the Nations for the last seven years.

Pastor Istvan has a full time job as head quality control inspector for a German steel manufacturing company that has a plant near Ózd. Istvan has to plan ministry time around three different shifts at the steel plant where he insures that every peice of machinery that is built there meets very strict standards. He is excellent at what he does and has been promoted because of his attention to details.

Besides his full time job, Pastor Istvan ministers with his wife Szilvia every week to a small group that meets in their home for Sunday services. On another day, he oversees the Light to the Nations video Bible school in the home of a church member whose wife recently passed away (see photo upper right on this page).

And as if all that was not enough, Pastor Istvan and Szilvia have taken on the responsibility of overseeing the church that is being planted in the town of Szakcs, Hungary, and travel there twice each month to teach and



encourage the people there. Please pray for Pastor Istvan and Szilvia that the Lord may give them wisdom, strength and energy to deal with everything that is on their "plate" right now.

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, you make it possible for us provide Bibles and other teaching material, internet connections, equipment to receive and view teaching and even food that helps people with no income to make it through harsh winters. All of this of course, is to help people grow in understanding and practical application of the Word of God. Your participation in this ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Love, blessings and *Happy Mothers Day!*

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