

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 [take heed] 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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* To know what the "perfection" that God requires is we must begin by accepting the command and obeying it with our whole heart. Our natural tendency is the very opposite. We want to "discuss" and define what "Christian perfection" is, to understand how the "command" can be reconciled with our assured conviction that no man is perfect, to provide for all the dangers we are sure to be found in the path of perfection. This is not God's way! Jesus said, "If any man will do....he shall know."

The same principle holds good in all human attainment. It is only he who has accepted in adoring submission and obedience the command "be perfect", who can hope to know what the perfection is that God asks and gives. Until the church is seen prostrate before God, seeking this "blessing" as her highest good, it will be no wonder if the very word "perfection", instead of being an attraction and a joy, is a cause of apprehension and anxiety, of division and offense. May God increase the number of those who, in childlike humility, take the word from His own lips, as a living seed, in the assurance that it will bring forth much fruit.

....*"you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:48 NASB*