

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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* Meekness differs from gentleness. In many ways these two fruits of the Spirit are the same; but meekness is an inward and passive thing, whereas gentleness is an outward and active thing. A man feels meek, but he acts gently. Meekness becomes spoiled by too much self-consciousness, though its inward blessings afford the deepest joy and peace. A truly meek spirit is one of the hardest things on earth to imitate. Gentleness can sometimes be used when the spirit does not "feel" gentle; but if the heart is not really meek the inward fire of anger and pride will inevitably reveal itself sooner or later.

....*"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".... Ephesians 4:1-3 KJV*

....*the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]".... Galatians 5:22-23 The Amplified Translation*