

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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* We can do many things with God's commands: we can seek to know them; we can admire their beauty; we can praise their wisdom; but if we do not do them, we deceive ourselves and fall short of pleasing God. They are meant to be done. Only as we do them will their real meaning and blessing be unfolded to us. Only as we do them can we really grow in the Divine life - walking worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit unto every good work", and then "increasing in the knowledge of God". We must approach God's words with the same view which God has, that they should be obeyed.

Bible study is mere theory, just a pleasing experience or an exercise of mind and imagination, worth little or nothing for a life of true "Christ-likeness", until the student is determined never to open or close his Bible without making God's purpose his very own. He must be ready to hear and obey when God says, "Do all that I speak".

....*"But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing [his life of obedience]".... James 1:22-25 The Amplified Translation*