

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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* When Christians speak of Jesus as a "Man of Sorrows" who is "acquainted with grief," they are not describing His inner spiritual nature. Grief was something thrust upon our Lord by His opposition. It was flung at Him along with blows and curses. He did not exchange His joy for sorrow; the sorrow came from without. The joy remained within. It was His strength. All the hostility that built up against Him, all the conspiring that resulted in His betrayal, arrest, imprisonment, trial, conviction, sentencing, flogging, and crucifixion, did not change Jesus. If He became acquainted with grief, it was only to endure it for our sake.

....*"let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God [Ps. 110:1.]".... Hebrews 12:1-2 The Amplified Translation*