

## 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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\* With remarkable frequency the Scriptures remind us that the men of God rose early to seek God and carry out His commands, as did Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Joshua (Genesis 19:27, 22:3; Exodus 8:16, 9:13, 24:4; Joshua 3:1, 6:12,). The Gospel, which never speaks a superfluous word, says of Jesus Himself: "and in the morning, rising up a great while before day He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Some rise early because of restlessness and worry; the Scriptures call this unprofitable: "it is vain for you to rise up early...to eat the bread of sorrows" (Psalm 127:2). There is such a thing as rising early for the love of God. This was the practice of the men of the Bible.

....*"Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the "inner chamber"]".... Psalms 110:3 NASB*