

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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* Satan uses the things of the flesh *[sense-knowledge]* to entice man's soul into sin; as soon as the soul sins, the spirit descends into utter darkness. The order of Satan's working is always such; from the outside to the inside. If he does not start with the body, then he begins by working on the mind or the emotion in order to get to the will of man. The moment man's will yields to Satan he possesses man's whole being and puts the spirit in a place of subjection to the "flesh". But not so the work of God; His is always from the inside to the outside. God begins working in man's spirit and continues by illuminating his mind, stirring his emotion, and causing him to exercise his will over his body for carrying into execution the will of God. All Satanic works are performed from the outside inward; all divine works, from the inside outward. We may in this way distinguish what comes from God and what comes from Satan. All this additionally teaches us that once Satan seizes a man's will, then is he in control over that man.

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances; that which is perceived through the soul *[mind, will, emotions]* - apart from "revelation" in the inner man *[spirit, heart]* through the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation;

....*"I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear [sense-knowledge and perception], but now my [spiritual] eye sees You".... Job 42:5 The Amplified Translation*

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*