

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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* Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Our speaking is sure to betray us. A sentence unpremeditated will slip out during our speech. We cannot hide ourselves. The question today is not about our teaching, for that may be perfectly correct, edifying and splendid; but the question is, what kind of person are you who are speaking? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. You cannot hide yourself from the hearers. What you really are will slip out in your unguarded words, without your knowing it.

Lord, grant us this grace of not only giving forth the word that You give us, but also of giving forth that which comes from the work of the Holy Spirit within us, that inwrought life out of which and by which we shall be able to minister Christ to others. Amen.

....*"out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of [that which has been "established" in] the heart the mouth speaks".... Matthew 12:34 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Death and life are in the power of [released through] the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life][Matt. 12:37]".... Proverbs 18:21 The Amplified Translation*