

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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THE INTEGRITY OF THE WORD

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Our Minds Are Renewed by the Word

Romans 12:2, "And be not fashioned according to this age, but be ye transformed (transfigured) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may know what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Colossians 3:10, "And have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of Him that created him."

The mind is renewed by studying the Word and by acting upon it. One may study the Word for years, but if he does not act it, live it, is not a doer, the mind is not renewed.

James gives us the secret in James 1:22, "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Many Bible students are deceiving themselves because they are not acting, living, doing the Word.

We Are Indwelt by the Word

Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another...."
What does He mean by letting the Word dwell in us richly? This is one of the most striking sentences in this epistle.

John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatsoever

ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

The Word here is dwelling in us, producing prayer fruit. Read carefully the next verse, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples."

It is prayer fruit. It is the Word bringing forth its own kind in the believer's life.

It is not only committing the Word to memory, which is valuable, but it is letting that Word become an integral part of our beings. It lives in us.

Ephesians 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love...."

Christ and the Word are one. It is the Word dwelling in you which is equivalent to Christ personally being in you. Letting the Word have right-of-way in your life is letting Christ have right-of-way. The Word dominating you is the Lordship of Christ in you.