

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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PASSPORT TO DELIGHT

* Out of joy comes health and strength for the life of the Spirit is sustained within the human heart [*spirit*] by faith, and faith is an inseparable companion to joy. It is joy that lifts the soul above the clouds of affliction into the sunshine of God's abiding Love. It is joy that turns despair to confidence and sweetens the bitter waters of sorrow.

To rejoice is to cease to doubt. The joyous spirit is in harmony with the Heart of God, Who knows no discouragement nor countenances evil. Joy does not see the darkness of the night but the brilliance of the stars. Better a cup full of joy than a vault filled with riches. All the wealth of the world cannot buy joy, and all the powers of hell cannot take it from the one who has made it their possession.

And how is it to be possessed: It is by the abandonment of selfish demands and the acceptance of the Father's Will. It is by forming the daily habit of seeking to please Him in ALL things... not as a burdensome duty, but as an outer expression of an inner love. It is the heart of the Cross fulfilled in human experience. Stated in most simple terms, it is to love God; for no man who loves Him can long be sad. He is a fountain of joy. He is the epitome of consolation. "Come unto Me, all who struggle and strive for I will be your comfort. ("Come unto Me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest").

To rest is to rejoice, and to rejoice is to be at rest. He who does not know how to rest and rejoice, let him employ his leisure thoughts in blessing all who come to mind and, in so doing, he shall find blessings showered upon his own head, and he shall rejoice because his cup is filled. Never pray only that God will fill your cup: pray rather that He will fill the cup of another, for it is written that he who gives shall also receive. It is one of the inescapable laws of the Spirit. It is the "passport to delight".

"Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart". *[Psalm 37:4]* Can one be sad who has received from the Father the desires of his heart?