

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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GOD'S WAY OF GUIDING

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* We should be careful not to confuse intuition with emotion. In their zeal emotional Christians may display many phenomena similar to those of spiritual Christians, but the origin of these phenomena cannot be traced to intuition. The spirit and the soul move independently. As long as the spirit has not yet ascended to hold sway over the total man, the soul shall never cease to strive against it. When a person's spirit has been quickened and subsequently strengthened by the power and discipline of the Holy Spirit their soul sees its usurped place and returns to submission. Increasingly, the soul becomes the spirit's servant; similarly, the body once subdued becomes the soul's servant. The spirit receives revelation of God in its faculty of intuition, while the soul and body unitedly execute the will of the spirit.

There is no end to such progress. Some of the Lord's people may have more to deny than others, for their spirit is not as pure for they have been far too long saturated with mental knowledge and affections. Many are so full of prejudice *[preconceived notions]* that they do not enjoy an open spirit to accept God's Truth. What they need are those requisite dealings which can free their intuition to receive everything from God.

....*"Blessed are the pure in heart [those undefiled in spirit]: for they shall see [both know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB*

....*"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, [by] perfecting holiness in the fear [reverence] of God [thus allowing Him to to expel {displace} every last ground of fear {unrighteousness}]".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB*