

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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NOT ALL CHRISTIANS ARE "SPIRITUAL"

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**"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it: nay, not even now are ye able".... 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 NASB*

....*"The spiritual man judges [discerns] all things, but is himself to be judged by no one".... 1 Corinthians 2:15*

What the Apostle Paul writes in these two verses and in verse 15 of the previous chapter resolves one interesting paradox; namely, if the spirit of man knows the things which belong to man and the spiritual man/woman judges all things, why then are there so many spirit-renewed Christians who nonetheless do not sense that they have a spirit or who are not able to know the deep things of God through their spirit? The answer is: "the spiritual man judges *[discerns]* all things" vs.15.

Though all Christians possess a regenerated spirit, not all Christians are "spiritual". Many are still fleshly *[carnal]*. The Christian's intuition has in truth been quickened, but they must give intuition *[the inner man, spirit]* its rightful place, providing it opportunity to operate. Or else it will be suppressed, unable to commune with God, or to know what it could know. Spiritual Christians do not walk by their soul-life [sense-knowledge and perception]; they have delivered all its faculties to the Cross and relegated them to a position of submission so that their intuition *[spirit]* can receive God's revelation freely. Afterwards, their mind, emotion and will voluntarily comply with this revelation.

Such is not the case with fleshly Christians. Regenerated and alive to God

intuitively, they have every opportunity to be spiritual; but they remain bound to the flesh [*sense-knowledge and perception*] instead. The lusts of the flesh remain so exceedingly powerful as to drive these Christians to sin. Their carnal mind is still full of wandering thoughts, reasons and plans; their emotion runs wild with many carnal interests, desires and tendencies; and their will formulates many worldly judgements, arguments and opinions. They are so occupied in following the flesh [*sense-knowledge and perception*] that they have neither time nor inclination to listen to the voice of intuition. Since the voice of the Holy Spirit is usually very soft, it cannot be heard unless it is listened to attentively with everything else quieted. How then can it be heard if the various parts of the flesh [*soul and body*] are inordinately active?