

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 to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able: 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 NASB*

The Christians at Corinth ranked high in speech, knowledge, gifts but how was their spiritual life? Almost totally inactive. The church at Corinth was a carnal church, for all she had she had in the mind.

Many of the Lord's people currently commit the same error as did the saints at Corinth. The words of the Lord are "spirit and life", but these people do not accept the words accordingly. They investigate theological problems with a very cold mind and search the hidden meaning of the Bible with the design of presenting the best interpretation. They satisfy their lust for knowledge. They communicate what they have found by writing and preaching. Excellent though their thoughts, arguments and outlines may be, seemingly most spiritual too, God nevertheless looks on these "achievements" as dead weights because they have not been achieved in the s[S]pirit. They have simply passed from one man's mind to another man's mind. Some readers or hearers may protest that they are "helped", but the question is, what is helped?

Beyond assisting the mind to acquire additional ideas, nothing else has happened. Such "knowledge" adds nothing to spiritual effectiveness. Only what comes from the s[S]pirit can enter the spirit of others; that which comes from the mind [soul] can only reach the minds of others. Finally, what comes from the Holy Spirit enters our spirit, and whatever the Holy Spirit transmits through our spirit

can reach the spirits of others.