

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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CONSCIENCE

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What is the testimony of Paul's conscience? It testifies that he has "behaved in the world.... not by earthly wisdom but by the Grace of God". Conscience, in fact, can testify to nothing else. What it contends for and insists upon in the believer is solely for that life to be lived by the Grace of God and not by earthly wisdom. Earthly wisdom is totally nil in God's Will and work. It equally amounts to nothing in a believer's spiritual life. Man's mind *[own intellect]* is rendered "useless" in their communion with God; even in their communion with the material world the mind occupies a subordinate position.

A child of God lives on earth exclusively by the Grace of God, and Grace implies something entirely done by Him with men having no part in it *[Romans 11:6]*. Except as one lives exclusively by God - not permitting themselves to take any initiative nor allowing their mind to have control over them - can conscience testify that they live in the world in holiness and godly sincerity.

Conscience bears witness to everything done according to revelation in intuition, but it resists every action which is contrary to intuition, no matter how compatible it is with human *[worldly]* wisdom. To sum up, conscience approves only the revelation of intuition *[the inner man, spirit]*. Intuition leads believers, while conscience constrains them to follow their intuition *[spirit]*.

....*"Let us all come forward and draw near with true [honest and sincere] hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith [by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness], having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty [evil] conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure*

water".... Hebrews 10:22 The Amplified Translation