

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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* A good conscience also enables us to receive God's promises. Christians nowadays frequently complain that their little faith is the cause for failure to live a perfect spiritual life. Naturally there are many reasons for not possessing greater faith, but the gravest of these is probably an evil conscience. A good conscience is inseparable from a great faith. The moment it is offended, at that very moment faith is weakened.

Let us observe how the Bible joins these two elements: "whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith" *[1 Timothy 1:5]*. Again: "Holding faith and a good conscience" *[1 Timothy 1:19]*. Conscience is the organ of our faith. God hates sin intensely, for the apex of God's Glory is His infinite holiness. His holiness will not tolerate sin, not even for a moment. If a believer does not purge - according to the dictate of conscience - everything contrary to God's mind, they shall lose their fellowship with God instantaneously.

All the promises which God grants us in the Bible may be considered conditional. None are bestowed to gratify one's fleshly lust *[desire]*, no one shall experience the Holy Spirit, communion with God, and answered prayer if they do not deal with the sin and flesh. How can we claim the promise of God with boldness if our voice within is convicting us? How can anyone, whose conscience does not bear them witness that they have lived on earth in holiness and godly sincerity, and be a man/woman of prayer who is able to ask God for unlimited rewards? What is the use of praying if our inward monitor reproves us when we lift up our hands to God? Sin must first be forsaken and cleansed before we can pray with faith.