

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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* We must keep our spirit sweet and soft. It must be pure and clean. The moment we notice our voice has turned harsh, we must stop instantly. With not the slightest hesitation we should turn to ourselves and say, "I am willing to speak with a pure spirit; I am willing to oppose the Enemy." If we are reluctant to say to our brother, "I am wrong." Then our spirit remains engulfed in its sin. God's children ought to learn how to guard their spirit from being goaded [*provoked*] by the Enemy. They should know also how to preserve it in sweetness and tenderness.

In ordinary times the Lord's people should early take the shield of faith which quenches all the flaming darts of the Evil One. This implies that we should swiftly exercise living faith to look for God's protection and to withstand the Enemy's attack. Faith is our shield, NOT our extractor: faith is a weapon for quenching the flaming darts, not for pulling them out afterwards. But should anyone be hit by a flaming dart, they at once must eliminate the cause of the dart. They should maintain an attitude of resistance, immediately denying whatever comes from Satan [*through proclamation aligned with a revelation of God's Will/Word*] and praying for cleansing of the precious Blood.

"goad" - to drive; incite;

"provoke" - to stir to anger or resentment; irritate; vex; to arouse or stimulate to some action [*particularly speaking*];

Latin: **"pro"** - forth + **"vocare"** - to call;

....*"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ], and we are taking EVERY thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Heart and Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

...."Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God".... Ephesians 6:10-17 KJV