

## 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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\* A child of God ought to know what is and what is not the "normal" condition for their spirit [*inner man*]. Since it should have authority [*ascendency*] over their soul [*mind, will, emotions*] and body, occupying the highest position in them and possessing the greatest power, the Christian needs to know if such is the situation in them or not. They should also recognize whether their spirit if it has lost its normalcy, did so through war or environment. The conditions of the spirit may be classified generally into four types:

1. The spirit is oppressed and is therefore in decline.
2. The spirit is under compulsion and so it "forced" into inordinate activity.
3. The spirit is defiled [*2 Corinthians 7:1*] since it has yielded ground to sin.
4. The spirit is quiet and firm [*steadfast*] because it occupies its rightful position [*in Christ*].

**"steadfast"** - fixed in direction; steadily directed; firm in purpose, resolution, faith; unwavering; firmly established [*in this case, in the revelation of God's Word*];

....*"Watch over your heart [inner man, spirit] with ALL diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you".... Proverbs 4:23-24 NASB*

.... *put on the new man [give the recreated spirit a place of prominence], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him".... Colossians 3:10 NASB*

....*"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from*

*all defilement of flesh and spirit, [by] perfecting holiness in the fear [reverence] of God [thus allowing Him to to expel {displace} every last ground of fear {unrighteousness}]".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB*