

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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THE NORMALCY OF THE REGENERATED HUMAN SPIRIT

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A Lowly Spirit

**"Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, Than to divide the spoil with the proud".... Proverbs 16:19 ASV*

....*"A man's pride shall bring him low; But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor".... Proverbs 29:23 NASB*

....*"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite".... Isaiah 57:15 ASV*

Lowliness is not a looking down on one's self; rather it is a not looking at one's self at all. Humility is not only Godward but is manward as well. A lowly spirit is demonstrated when one associates with the poor. It is this "spirit" alone which does not despise any who are created by God. God's presence and Glory is manifested in the life of the spiritually humble.

A lowly person is a teachable person, easily entreated and open to explanation. Only the humble have the capacity to bear and forbear. God needs a lowly man/woman to express His virtue. How can the proud hear the voice of the Holy Spirit then cooperate with God? No trace of pride should be found in our spirit: tenderness, delicacy, flexibility - these shall be the norm. A tiny bit of harshness in the inner man may hinder fellowship with the Lord, for this certainly is most unlike Him. To walk with the Lord the spirit must be lowly, forever

waiting on Him and offering no resistance to Him.