

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 Gentle Spirit

**"in a spirit of gentleness".... Galatians 6:1 ASV*

Gentleness is a most necessary feature of the "inner man". It is the opposite of "harshness". God requires us to cultivate a gentle spirit. Amid the most prosperous work anyone with a gentle spirit can instantly stop on short notice from God, just as Philip did when sent from Samaria to the desert. A gentle spirit turns easily in God's Hand however He wills. It knows not how to resist God nor how to follow its own will. God needs such a yielding spirit to accomplish His purpose.

A gentle spirit is no less important in human relationships. It is the spirit of a lamb which characterizes the spirit of the Cross. "When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten [*1 Peter 2:23*]. This is a description of a gentle spirit. Such gentleness is willing to suffer loss; though it has the power of revenge and the protection of the law, it nevertheless has no wish to avenge itself with the arm of flesh. It is a spirit which in suffering [*"for righteousness sake"*] harms no one. The one who can boast such a spirit as this lives righteously themselves but never demands righteousness from others. They are full of Love and Mercy; wherever they can melt the heart of those around them.