

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 Cool Spirit

**"He who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding".... Proverbs 17:27 ASV*

Our spirit needs to be fervent yet also to be cool. Fervency is related to "diligence in serving the Lord" whereas "coolness" is related to *[revelation]* knowledge. If our spirit lacks coolness we often take inordinate action. The Enemy purposes to drive us off track in order that our spirit may be deprived of its contact with the Holy Spirit.

The spirit is closely knit with the mind. The moment the spirit loses its composure the mind *[soul]* is excited; when the mind becomes heated the conduct of the believer grows abnormal and goes out of control. Consequently it is always profitable to keep the inner man calm and collected. By disregarding the ardor of the emotion, the increase of desire, or the confusion of thought and by measuring every problem with a cool spirit instead, we shall maintain our feet on the pathway of the Lord. Any action taken when our spirit is excited is likely to be against the Will of God.

The knowledge of God, self, Satan and all things brings calmness to our spirit; it effects a kind of spirit which soulish believers never experience. The Holy Spirit must fill our inner man while the outer man must be consigned entirely to death; then the spirit will enjoy an unspeakable calm. Neither the soul nor the body nor changing environment takes away that calm *[peace]*. It is like the ocean: although the waves rage on the surface, the bottom of the sea remains composed

and undisturbed.

Before a Christian experiences the dividing of soul and spirit they will be disturbed and shaken immediately by the slightest perturbation [*disturbance from the outside*]. This is due to a lack of spiritual knowledge [*revelation*]. Hence to keep the inner and outer man divided is the way to keep the spirit cool. A person with an imperturable spirit experiences a kind of "untouchableness" however chaotic may be the outside situation they do not lose the calm and peace inside. Though a mountain shall fall at their face they remain as composed as ever. Such composure is not achieved through self-improvement but is secured through the revelation of the Spirit Who discloses the Reality of all things and through the control the believer exerts over their soul so that it no longer may influence their spirit.

The key therefore is the rule of the will. Our spirit must accept this rule. Fervency is what our will desires, but so is coolness. We should never permit our spirit to be in such a condition as to extend beyond the control of the will. We must will both to have a fervent spirit towards the Lord's work and to maintain a cool spirit in executing that work.