

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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The Spirit of Power

**"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity [fear] but a spirit of power and love and self-control".... 2 Timothy 1:7 ASV*

Timidity is not humility. While humility is self-forgetfulness completely - a forgetting both its weakness and strength - timidity recall all the weakness and hence is self-remembering. God does not delight in our cowardice and withdrawal. He wants us, on the one hand, to tremble before Him because of our emptiness, yet on the other hand, to proceed courageously in His Might. He requires us to bear Him witness fearlessly, to suffer pain and shame for Him violently, to accept loss of all things with courage, and to rely on the Lord's love, wisdom, power and faithfulness with confidence [*a steadfast trust*]. Whenever we discover ourselves shrinking from witnessing for the Lord or withdrawing in other ways where boldness is demanded, we should realize that our spirit has abandoned its normal state. We out to preserve it in a condition of "dauntlessness".

We need to have a spirit of power, of love, and of self-control. It should be strong, but not to the point of becoming unloving. It is also mandatory that it be quiet and controlled so that it may not be excited easily. We must have a spirit of power towards the Enemy, a spirit of love towards men, and a spirit of self-control towards ourselves.