

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 Quiet Spirit

**"Let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious".... 1 Peter 3:4 ASV*

Granted that this is a word directed towards the sisters, it nonetheless is spiritually applicable to the brothers as well.

"To aspire to live quietly" [*1 Thessalonians 4:11*]. This is the duty of every Christian. Modern Christians talk far too much. Sometimes their unuttered words surpass in number those that are spoken. Confused thought and endless speech set our spirits to wandering away from the control of our wills. A "wild" spirit often leads people to walk according to the flesh. An errant spirit invariable ends up with an error in conduct.

Before one can display a quiet mouth they first must possess a quiet spirit, for out of the abundance of the "spirit" [*heart*] does the mouth speak. We ought to carefully keep our spirit in stillness; even in time of intense confusion our inner being should nevertheless be able to sustain an independent quietude [*tranquility, calmness*]. A placid spirit is essential to anyone walking after the spirit: without it they shall quickly fall into sin. If our spirit is hushed we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit there, obey the Will of God, and understand what we cannot understand when confused. Such a quiet inner life constitutes the Christian's adornment which betokens something manifested outwardly.