

# 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

**January 16th**

## FEEDING ON THE WORD

**[part 2 of 2]**

\* .... "feed me with the food that is needful for me".... Proverbs 30:8b *The Amplified Translation*

Just because you possess it, good wholesome corn will not nourish you. The fact that you are deeply interested in the knowledge of God's Word will not of itself nourish your soul [spirit]. The thing that brings rejoicing is that you actually heed them.

And what is this eating? In eating you so completely assimilate the corn that it becomes part of yourself, entering into your blood, forming your very flesh and bone. This has to be done in a small quantity at a time, two or three times a day, every day of the year. This is the law [principle] of nourishment. It is not the amount of Truth that I gather from God's Word that is important. It is not how interested I am or how successful in studying my Bible. It is not how clearly I see God's Truth or how much I grasp at a time that results in the health and growth of my spiritual life. Not at all. All this may still leave my nature very much un sanctified and unspiritual, with very little of the holiness or humility of Jesus. Something else is needed. Jesus said that His meat was to do the Will of Him that sent Him. That implies taking a small portion of God's Word, some definite command or duty of the new life in Christ; quietly receiving it into the will and the heart [spirit]; yielding the whole being to its rule; deciding, in the power of Jesus to perform it; and then doing it. This is what it means to eat the Word, to take it into our inmost being in such a way that it becomes a constituent part of our very life. A truth or a promise should be handled the same way. What you eat becomes such a part of yourself that you carry it with you wherever you go.

Do you see how this illustration covers all your Bible study? Scriptural knowledge is one thing, assimilating it is another. You can gather and store grain to last for years, but you cannot swallow a large enough quantity of bread to last for days. Day by day, and more than once a day, you eat your food. So the eating of God's Word must be in small portions, just as much as your soul can receive and digest at one time. This must go on from year to year.

George Muller said he learned that he should not stop reading the Word until he felt happy in God: then he felt "fit" to go out to his day's work. That is finding, eating, and rejoicing in God's work in perfect illustration.