

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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"WHATSOEVER YE SOW"

[part 2 of 2]

* Ten minutes of unbridled temper can waste enough strength to do a half day of wholesome work. Your physical energy is a gift from God, entrusted to you to be employed for His Glory. It is a sin to take His gift and "dissipate" it through the trap doors of the evil emotions of the disposition.

Look not upon others and condemn them for jeopardizing their health by harmful habits and wasting their energies on vain pursuits while you yourself undermine your health by unworthy emotions and take time which by keeping your mind *[and spirit]* in an attitude of praise and faith could be constructively employed but instead you allow this time to be a period of destructive action by entertaining such things as self-pity and remorse and evil-surmisings.

You cannot risk giving your thoughts free-rein. They will never choose the right path until you "bridle" them and control them by your own disciplined will. You are master of your own house. You do not have to invite into your mind the foul birds of evil thoughts and allow them to nest there and bring forth their young.

Whatsoever you sow in your secret thought-life *[spirit man]*, that you shall reap. Sow love and kindness, and you shall be rewarded openly. Sow generosity and gratitude, and you shall never feel poor. Sow hope and you shall reap fulfillment. Sow praise and you shall reap joy and well-being and a strong faith. Sow bountifully, and you shall reap bountifully. Sow! You shall see your seed and be satisfied.

....*"Scanty sowing, scanty harvest; plentiful sowing, plentiful harvest".... He*

*who sows seed to the sower, and bread for eating, will supply you with seed, and cause it to increase and will multiply the fruits of your righteousness".... 2
Corinthians 9:6-12 Twentieth Century Translation*