

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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DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRIT LIFE

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* 2 Cor. 5 : 17 "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all these things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation."

Here we get God's new man. He is a new spirit. He is a recreated spirit. His mind is then renewed by this incoming life, as he meditates in the Word. His body is rejuvenated, healed of its diseases, so that the entire man stands complete before the Father. The most deeply spiritual men and women I know are people who have given much time to meditation. You cannot develop spiritual wisdom without meditation.

Josh. 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (or, you will be able to deal wisely in the things of life.) Take time to meditate in the Word. Shut yourself in alone with your own spirit where the clamor of the world is shut out. If you are ambitious to do something worthwhile, I would suggest that you take ten or fifteen minutes daily for meditation . . . learn to do it. In other words, begin the development of your own spirit.

You may develop any gift that you wish to. The most important gift that God has 'ken to you is the spirit. It is time development of this spirit that is going to mean more to your life than any other one things. The great majority of men do not think. They live in the realm of the Senses. The Senses have limitations. Your

spirit has practically no limitations. You can develop spirit life until you dominate circumstances. Your spirit can come into vital union with Deity, become a partaker of the divine nature. 'That spirit, with God's nature in it, can fellowship on terms of absolute equality with God Himself.

Do you see your limitless possibilities?

Jesus brings us into contact with spiritual things, not mental things. Spiritual things are as real as physical things. Your spirit can come to the point where the things in His Word will become as real to you, and Jesus will become as real to you as any loved one. You can see the necessity of your taking time to meditate, to get quiet with the Lord. You must take time to sit with His Word and let the Spirit unveil His Word to your spirit. If you will, you will know Him in reality.