

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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The Renewing Of Our Minds

* Phil. 4:6-7 offers another suggestion. "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

In nothing are we to allow anxiety to govern us; but in everything by prayer and supplication, along with thanksgiving, make our requests known to the Father. Then we leave them there, and He declares that His peace will come (like a garrison of soldiers into a turbulent country) and quiet us. In the 8th verse, He tells us the things we are to think about. Read it over carefully. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We cannot feed on scandal, on nonsense, on stories that are unseemly, and expect to develop in grace. The Spirit will not help us to do that. There must be times when we can sit quietly with the Lord and the Word, and meditate upon it until the Word absorbs us, and we absorb the Word; until the Word is built into our mental processes, as well as our spirit lives, until it absolutely governs our thinking. Do you see what that implies? The renewing of our minds. The average believer's mind is not renewed.