

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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CHRIST IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAULINE REVELATION

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* We ought to make confession of our shepherd responsibility and our ability to guide men.

I was amazed when I found the Greek word translated power meant ability, and that Jesus wanted the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they had received ability-the Father's ability that Jesus had been manifesting among men.

Now we, the under-shepherds, have His ability. We are partakers of that ability. He is made unto us Wisdom so we may know where to lead the sheep and what to feed them.

The greatest concern I have ever had regarding my ministry, was ability to rightly divide the Word so I could give men the food, the Bread of the Almighty.

I have wanted to be a Faith Builder. I wanted to lead men out of the wilderness of sense knowledge into the highlands of our privileges in Christ, which is a Shepherd's responsibility. Here is another confession of Jesus that has a Pauline ring to it : "The words that I speak unto you are Spirit and are Life (John 6:63).

How few of us have realized the power of words. Jesus knew. Jesus' words healed the sick, fed the multitudes, hushed the sea, raised the (lead. Not only that, but they stirred such malignity and hatred in the hearts of the leaders of Israel that then finally nailed Him to the cross, just because of the words that He had spoken.