

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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ETERNAL LIFE GIVES LOVE

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Bearing Love Fruit

* The vine does not bear fruit. It is the branch which bears it. Our recreated human spirits are the branches. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, faith, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law." We will notice just two or three of these fruits. It helped me greatly when I saw that Love is not the fruit of the human mind, but of the human spirit. Romans 5:5:

"Because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us."

The word, "heart," is used synonymously with the word "spirit." The Holy Spirit has shed abroad the Father's Nature in our spirits. Now we bear the fruitage of Love. Faith also is the fruit of the recreated human spirit. Faith and Love are not the fruits of our human intellects or reasoning faculties. Jesus is the Author and the Finisher of our faith. His Nature is imparted to our spirits and gives us His Faith.

How it thrilled me when I discovered that all the things which the natural man craves are ours in Christ. Man has craved faith. God is a Faith God; Jesus is the Faith Christ. We have their Nature, so we have Faith in us; and as we act on the Word we see its fruits.

Jesus told the Jews that they must have faith for their healing and for the other things they craved. All those things belongs to us; they are in our Redemption. The Lord never tells us in any of the Epistles, "You must believe to

get your healing; you must believe in order to get money; you must believe in order to get strength." These are all ours in the New Creation.