

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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WISDOM IS THE ABILITY TO USE HIS KNOWLEDGE

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* But the babes in Christ, the men and women who have been living beneath their privileges, who have never developed their spirits, these believers are living in the realm of the senses rather than in the realm of the Word.

Hebrews 5:12: "For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that some one teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God."

Paul is writing to men who have received Eternal Life but have never grown in grace and knowledge. They have never taken advantage of their privileges. They are still babes in Christ.

1 Corinthians. 3:1-3: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it: nay, not even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?"

The word, "carnal," means "sense-governed." These babes in Christ have never grown out of their first faith in Christ as Savior. The vast riches of grace that belong to them have never been touched. They have Eternal Life, but they are living under the direction of their senses. It is what they see, what they feel, and what they experience that governs their lives. The Word has not yet gained the ascendancy over them. They must have others pray for them because they can't take their rights. They know nothing of the Word. The senses are active competitors of the Word. They war against the Word.

They keep the recreated spirit in bondage until the mind is renewed. Treat the Word as you would treat the Master if He were here. Act on the Word as you would on a telegram from Jesus.