

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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Babes in Christ

* Hebrews 5:12-14 (Weymouth):

"For although, considering the long time you have been believers, you ought now to be teachers of others, you really need someone to teach you over again the very rudiments of the truths of God, and you have come to require milk instead of solid food. By people who live on milk I mean those who are imperfectly acquainted with the teaching concerning righteousness. Such persons are mere babes. But solid food is for adults-that is, for those who through constant practice of the Word have their spiritual faculties carefully trained to distinguish good from evil."

This is a remarkable statement. When by reason of time we ought to be teachers, leaders, helpers of men, praying with the sick, we are still where others have to do the praying for us.

We are like the body of believers of whom James writes in James 5:14,

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working."

These babes in Christ were sick. They needed to see the Elder, feel the anointing oil upon their heads, hear the prayer, and feel the hands that were laid upon them. They lived in the realm of the senses. They had never developed to the point where they believed the Word that declared that "with His stripes we were healed."