

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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WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH

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* We would almost never make a mistake if we would learn to give heed to our spirit.

One of the greatest mistakes that has been made in our intellectual culture has been the ignoring of the spirit.

Knowledge of our intellects has taken the throne, and our spirits have been locked away in a prison.

Consequently we are continually making mistakes because our spirit which should guide us is not permitted to function.

Knowledge is something that we acquire through the Senses, through reading, through travel and hearing.

Wisdom is the ability to use the knowledge to profit.

Wisdom does not come through the Senses.

Wisdom comes from our spirit.

James says that it comes down from above. That is divine wisdom, God's wisdom imparted to us. James 3:13-18.

The man who shuts his spirit away and makes a prisoner of it, who never listens to it, never obeys it, becomes crippled and is an easy prey to selfish and

designing people.

The one who lets the spirit gain the mastery and influence him at crisis times is the one who climbs to the top.

What does it mean to "believe with the heart"?

It means to believe with the spirit.

We cannot believe with our intellect. That goes without argument.

Faith is a product of the spirit.

This inward conviction, this thing called assurance, is a child of our spirits.

We don't know why we know ; we cannot explain it, and yet we do know.