

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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A JOYFUL CONFESSION

[part 1 of 4]

* ETERNAL Life gives to the Believer an unknown element the world had never before had. It is a thing that Peter called, "Joy unspeakable and full of glory." We understand that happiness comes from environment, but joy comes from within and is a product of the New Creation. We found that the martyrs had joy unspeakable even when dying in physical agony. That stirred the multitudes that thronged about, but it startled the thinking portion of the crowds. How could they be so full of joy when they knew that death was near? Others have witnessed joy in the midst of deepest sorrow. It is an unquenchable something.

Evangelists have discovered that joy is the secret of real evangelism. The joyful Christians are a good advertisement. John 15:11, Jesus says these strange words, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." In giving the great charter promise in regard to the use of His Name, Jesus said, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full." John 16:24. In John 17:13 Jesus speaks these words, "Now I come to thee; and these things speak I in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves." 'this is the very climax of this divine life. That is a thought-arresting sentence . . . "that your joy may be made full."