

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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PRAYER AND THE CHURCH

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* Our theological schools have never had a department on Faith, so every church should have a faith clinic, one class a week on the study and development of Faith.

Faith is not a product of sense knowledge.

It is not a product of intellectual faculties.

Faith is born of the human spirit.

Whether we want to face it or not, the fact is: there is no love in the natural human heart, and there is no faith in the natural human heart.

Faith and love spring from the recreated human spirit.

Until a man has received Eternal Life, the nature of God, he cannot be a faith man, and he cannot be a love man. He will only have a Sense Knowledge Faith.

God is a faith God.

Faith is His nature just as love is His nature.

I have sometimes thought that love was the mother of faith; that faith sprang out of the roots of love.

And love can only come from its source, the Father's heart.

So when we are Born Again, receive Eternal Life the nature of God, that nature begets in us faith, and we build our faith by feeding on God's Word.

His Word is the only source of strength for the recreated human spirit; the only source of building faith.

Faith cannot be built by abstract reasoning.

It is only built by my acting on the Word, letting the Word live in me as it did in Jesus.

By my doing the Word, I build faith in my spirit.

I become a doer of the Word, a practicer of the Word.

The Word becomes a part of my very being.

I absorb it in my daily life, and it builds into me the faith of God.