

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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THE RENEWED MIND

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* Galatians 5:18, 19: "But if ye are led by the spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the' works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness."

Galatians. 5:18, 19 shows the war of the senses against the recreated spirit. The word `flesh" here should be translated "senses." Colossians 3:16 tells us:

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."

This is the very heart of this marvelous teaching. A renewed mind is one where the Word of God dwells richly. That suggests a fullness of fellowship where the heart is companioning with the Father through the Word.

Acts 19:20 throws more light on it :

"So mightily grew the Word of the Lord and prevailed."

It is where the Word gains the ascendancy and rules man's mind through the spirit. At Ephesus the Word had gained the ascendancy in that city to the extent that spiritualists "brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver."

The Word of God had grown so mightily in that city that it had conquered the works of Satan.

When the Word grows mightily in a church it brings the people into harmony with the Word. It is the same in an individual.

Titus 3:4-5:

"But when the kindness of God our Savior, and His love toward man appeared, not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."