

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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* I heard D. L. Moody say just before his death that if he had a chance to live again; instead of spending so much time in prayer, he would spend more time studying the Word.

Colossians 3:10:

"And have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of Him that created him."

He means to put on the conduct, the conversation of the new man. You have just come out of the realm of the old man, the natural man, the fallen man. God has given a New Self in place of the old one.

You are "to put on the new man"; begin to live the Word, study and practice the Word in your daily life. As your spirit sees it, and embraces it, your body responds.

He promised to cooperate with us. His Spirit cooperates with our spirits. Now you can see the necessity of your taking time to meditate in the Word, to get quiet with the Lord.

You had to take time to learn your algebra, your mathematics, your history, and your geography. Now you must take time to sit with His Word and let the Spirit unveil His Word to your spirit. If you will, you will know Him in reality. If you will not do it, you will need to have someone else act for you, pray for you, and believe for you. He promised to come and associate with your very heart life.

I think Paul brings it out most clearly in Galatians 2:20:

"It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me."

It is God Who has made His home in my body. It is God Who is at work within me. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

That is where the Holy Spirit has come and identified Himself with you. The Holy Spirit has come to live in your very being. "Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit ?" He is there. I am learning to do this.

I become quiet and say : "Blessed Spirit, now make the Word a living thing in my spirit; open it to me."

I go over the passage I want unveiled to me. I meditate on it. After a bit the clamor of my mind is gone. The noise it makes is gone. You can become as noisy in your intellect as you become noisy with your hands and feet. I grow quiet. Then in a single minute, or a half-minute there will be an unveiling of the Word of God such as I have never seen before.

It does not take Him more than a moment to unveil the Word, to throw upon the screen a message that will take you hours to write. Eternal Life has come into your spirit. Now let God have freedom to lead you into the realities of His Revelation in the Word.