

# **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**

**[part 3 of 4]**

\* I know how hard that is, but that must come or else the believer is going to live on the borderland between right and wrong, never knowing whether this is wrong, or that is wrong. He will be asking his friends, "Is it wrong to do this? Should I do that?" The reason is, his mind has never been renewed and he is living on the borderland in a sort of semi-spiritual darkness. But as his mind is renewed he will come to know the will of the Father.

He will walk in the light of the Word.

He will get to know that threefold will-the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of the Father. He will be claiming the highest will of the Father. He will not be satisfied with "the acceptable and the good," but will want the perfect and the well-pleasing will of the Father. In John 8:28 Jesus said, "I always do the things that are pleasing to my Father."

This New Creation man craves that kind of a life.

His spirit is reaching out, sometimes really agonizing in him to become well-pleasing to the Father. In Colossian 3:5-10 He is unveiling the inner workings of the senses and their control of the mind. Read it carefully. He says, "For which things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience."

He shows the uncleanness of the natural mind as it is dominated by the senses.

In the 9th verse He is speaking to you. He said, I don't want you to lie to one

another any more, since you have put off the old man with his doings. You see, you are a New Creation and you put on the New Man, that is being renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him.

This is a message to the new convert primarily. Old believers have already done this thing.

He wants that New Man to be brought into perfect harmony with his thinking faculties, and that can't be until his mind is renewed, until it comes to recognize its position in Christ.

You notice it said, "Put on the new man that is being renewed in knowledge after the image of film."

That will be Revelation Knowledge. You will know your responsibilities and your ability to meet them. You see, the small faith man is almost invariably a man whose mind has not yet been renewed. If you find a believer that doesn't walk in love, it is because his mind has not yet been renewed. His mind can't be renewed by simply studying the Bible. He will have to live it. It has to become a part of His mind. Many of our Bible teachers have never seen this and their senses govern their mind.

That means their senses govern their teaching; that their Recreated spirit has a very small place in their lives. 2 Cor. 4:16, "Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day." The inward man is your spirit that is feeding on the Word, that is being renewed continually. Your mind should feed on the Word too. There should be meditation in the Word.