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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CULTIVATING OUR OWN SPIRITS

[part 2 of 6]

...."Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it".... Psalm 37:3-5 NASB

"cultivate" - to promote or improve the growth of something by diligent labor and attention; to develop through training; refine;

* It [the regenerated human spirit] is the part of you that should dominate your thinking faculties. It is the part of you that gives personality or color to you. We speak of men with courage.

It took me a long time to find that courage is not a product of the thinking faculties, that faith and love are not products of the thinking faculties.

Then faith, love, courage, hope, and fear are not the products of your intellect. You cannot reason fear out of your spirit any more than you can reason love into it.

The thing that differentiates us from each other is, in reality, our human spirits. Love is not the product of the intellect. You cannot reason love into people. I have tried that. It cannot be done. The Word was given to us by the Holy Spirit.

It was given to us to fit and develop our spirit natures.

It is a remarkable thing that when a man is Born Again, his mind is not touched. His mind needs to be renewed and brought into fellowship with his spirit after he is Born Again.

Romans 12:2:

"And be not fashioned according to this world (or age) but be ye transformed (or transfigured) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

You cannot know what is the Will of the Father, and you cannot walk in the Will of the Father unless your mind is renewed.

You will not enjoy fellowship and communion with Him until that time comes. You will not enjoy [fully] the riches of His Grace until your mind is renewed.