

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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DEVELOPING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

[part 1 of 6]

* In Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."

Paul is speaking of the fruit of the recreated spirit. That is not the fruit of the Holy Spirit. He doesn't bear fruit. We are the fruit-bearing part. We are the branches of the Vine. The recreated human spirit linked up with Christ, grafted into the vine, is the fruit bearer. I have never desired anything more than I have to know how to develop the recreated human spirit.

I believe I have some suggestions that will teach us how to obtain Love, how to appropriate it in Christ, how to make it our own. This will teach us how to walk in love so that our conduct will be Jesus-like. If we could learn how to walk in love and make it the business of our lives, we would solve many problems of human relationship which we thought were impossible.

Jesus lived in love.

He lived in the realm of Love.

He spoke love.

His words were love-filled.

His acts and deeds grew out of love.

He could not help healing the sick.

Love drove Him. He could not help feeding the multitudes; Love compelled Him.

If we could have our spirits developed in love like that, we could live like the Master. We could maintain a real, a beautiful fellowship with the Father, with the Word, and with one another.

In John 14:16,17 Jesus promised that He would send a Comforter, the Holy Spirit. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever, even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know Him: for he abideth with you, and shall be in you."