

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

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* This Comforter He calls the "Spirit of truth" or "reality." He is to guide us into all truth or reality. He is to take the things of Jesus and of the Father and unveil them to us. That is what our hearts are craving. He is not going to guide us into Sense Knowledge but into Revelation Knowledge. He is going to take those wonderful truths in the Pauline Revelation and make them a reality to us. In order to do this, it will be necessary that we have quiet hours a little while each day set apart for meditation. Under the New Covenant we are to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly. We are to abide in the Word, and the Word is to abide in us.

This will lead us into the prayer life, into prayer conquests.

Philippians 4:6,7 offers another suggestion:

"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

In nothing are we to allow anxiety to govern us, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make our requests known to the Father. Then we are to leave them there; and the Father declares that His peace will come in like a garrison of soldiers into a turbulent country, and quiet us.

In the 8th verse He tells us the things that we are to think about. Read it over carefully.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are

honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We cannot feed on scandal, on nonsense, on stories that are unseemly, and expect to develop in Grace. The Spirit will not help us do that. There must be times when we can sit quiet with the Lord and the Word and meditate upon it until the Word absorbs us and we absorb the Word, until the Word is being built into our mental processes as well as into our spirit lives, until it absolutely governs our thinking.

Do you see what that implies? The renewing of our minds is absolutely necessary. The average believer's mind is not renewed.