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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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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* Faith comes by getting acquainted with the Father through the Word. It does not come by studying the Word alone, but by actually living the Word, doing the Word, practicing the Word, and letting the Word live in you.

The multitude said,

"Show us a sign that we may believe."

Jesus said,

"This generation seeketh a sign."

That generation didn't seek a sign any more than our generation does. Let any man be advertised to speak who has spectacular manifestations and he will fill the house. Why? Because this generation does not believe the Word. It believes in signs and wonders, something that the senses can register.

They, the Jews, lived in the realm of the senses. On the day of Pentecost a new era began. We call it the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. That is only half of the truth.

It is the dispensation of the recreated human spirit. The cultivation of our spirits comes through our giving our spirits right of way in our daily walk; it comes by listening to it and letting it rule our reason. You remember Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy: "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God's Word is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the food for the recreated spirit.

As we meditate in the Word and become doers of the Word, our spirits slowly but surely gain the ascendancy over our sense-ruled minds.