

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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1 Corinthians 2:12 declares : "But we received not the spirit of the world (*that is the spirit ruled by the senses*) but the spirit which is from God that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

Our spirits that have received their life from God are able to know the things of God, while the natural mind, dominated by the senses, is unable to know the things that are freely given to us in the Redemptive work of Christ.

The natural man can't understand the expression "in Christ," or what it means; but the God-taught recreated spirit grasps it with eager joy. We can see now that the greatest need of the present day for the Church is the renewing of the minds of the believers and the education and development of the recreated spirit.

As Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3: "We brethren could not speak unto you as spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ."

The word "carnal" here means sense-ruled. The sense-ruled are mere babes. They walk "after the manner of men" or they walk according to Sense Knowledge. They are full of jealousy, bitterness, and selfishness. The way of love they have never learned. They are full of talk, but they are not doers of the Word.