

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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* Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our "own" evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. If we are on the look-out for evil in others, our true motive is obviously to justify ourselves, and are assuming by implication that the Word of God applies to ourselves in one way, and to others in another. All this is highly dangerous and misleading. We are trying to claim for ourselves a special privilege which we deny to others. But Christ's disciples have no rights of their own or standards of "right and wrong" which they could enforce with other people; they have received nothing but Christ's fellowship. Therefore the disciple is not to sit in judgement over their fellow man because they would then wrongly usurp the "jurisdiction" given them by God!

....*"Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand".... Romans 14:4 NASB*

....*"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment [by revelation]".... John 7:24 NASB*

....*"Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you".... Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation*