

## 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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\* ....*"Be of the same mind, of the same love".... Philippians 2:2-4*

Christ is not divided! Then what causes division and disunion in doing the work of God? What is the reason that the Lord's children find it so difficult to be of the "same mind", and still more difficult to esteem others better than themselves? Those who are really joined to Christ as members of His Body - who truly have Christ as their life - are certainly one in heart; they are certainly more or less of one aim - they want to please Christ - but they are so rarely of one mind. One in heart and in aim, yet not of the same mind! What is the cause of this? Do we see the importance of it? Do we realize so deeply the need of being of one accord, that we can wait patiently for others with whom we are in co-service, to come to the "same mind" before we take a certain course which may produce "division" or "faction"?

How the words strike home! Doing nothing that you know will tend to disunion in the Body of Christ. Surely if we were all of one mind to follow Christ to Calvary, "becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross..." there would be no "vainglory", no being "puffed" up in the cause of one against another (1 Corinthians 4:6); but we should really possess "lowliness of mind" - the mind that brought the Lord Jesus from the place of equality with God, down to the position of a servant; the mind that caused Him not to "grasp" the Throne: that did not make Him cling to being a "leader", but choose to be a servant. He was equal with God, yet He became a "servant" - a bond-servant. If we were all of one mind to serve one another! If we all longed to be servants, and did not want to be "heads" of "movements", or leaders of work, or aught else, how quickly this lowliness of mind would unite God's children, and make them to be of the "same mind" in the Lord!