

## 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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\* Our usefulness as servants of God is directly dependent upon our being disciplined in will and spirit, to do God's Will no matter what that means. Most modern Christians only look for a "comfortable" way of life. They only serve if they happen to "feel" like it. They know little of disciplined devotion to God, even less of literally "laying down" their lives, their strength, their money or "their" ambitions for others' sake. Our Lord spoke clearly of "counting the cost" to follow Him - and work with Him. That cost is suffering for righteousness' sake!

....*"let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God [Ps. 110:1.]".... Hebrews 12:1-2 The Amplified Translation*