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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* When the mind of the believer is "renewed", then it must be used, and I want to say to you in the strongest way I possibly can say it, do not let your mind "lie fallow", and become "passive", for as you allow your mind to cease to think, that is, bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, continually bringing to the "verdict" of the Word of God all the departments of your life - your experience and your actions - you are inviting Satan's beguilings into your mind.

So few Christians understand Satan's beguilings of the mind, that he is "able" to give them distorted views of the things of God, and of themselves, and of their friends, their future, their circumstances, and even their needs, without their recognizing the source of these distortions. Satan can give you such curious visions, that only the truth of the Word - the pure light of the Gospel - can expose them. Many have been led off into strange "leadings" by following sudden suggestions to the mind, believing they were obeying God. Others believe they have "revelations" from God, which are going to move the world, but the only outcome is "faction" and "division" in the church. Only true and pure and continuous fellowship with God and His Word can remove the element of "self-exaltation" which leaves one open to the beguilings of the Evil One!

...."be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the Will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ], and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

...."Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his

might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God".... Ephesians 6:10-17 KJV