

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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* The preacher must "impersonate" the Gospel. Its divine, most distinct features must be embodied in them. The constraining power of love must be in the preacher as a projecting, eccentric and all-commanding, self-oblivious force. The energy of self-denial must be their being, their heart and blood and bones. They must go forth as a man or woman among men or women, clothed with humility, abiding in meekness, wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove; the bonds of a servant with the spirit of a King, a King in high, royal, independent bearing, with the simplicity and sweetness of a child.

The preacher must throw themselves, with all the abandon of a perfect, self-emptying faith and a self-consuming zeal, into their work for the salvation of men. Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must those be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time-servers, place-seekers, if they be "men-pleasers" or men-fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God and His Word, if their denial be broken by "any" phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the church nor the world for God!

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*