

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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* A great thing is love, a great good altogether, which alone makes light all that is burdensome, and evens out every inequality. For it bears the burden without being burdened, and makes every thing bitter, sweet and tasty. The noble love of Jesus drives us to the doing of great deeds, and stirs to the unending longing for "greater perfection". Love desires to rise, and not be held back by anything beneath. Love desires to be free and apart from every worldly affection, lest its inner vision be hindered; lest for any temporal advantage it incur entanglements, of be overwhelmed by adversity. Nothing is more sweet than love, nothing stronger, nothing deeper, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in Heaven or on earth, because love is born of God, and cannot find rest save in God above all created things.

....*"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 The Amplified Translation*