

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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**"Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you".... Matthew 5:44*

This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our "enemy", stand by their side and plead for them to God. Jesus does not promise that when we bless our enemies and do good to them they will not despitefully use us and persecute us. They certainly will at times, but not even that can hurt or overcome us, as long as we continue to pray for them. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves, and pleading to God for them. We are doing vicariously for them what they cannot do for themselves in their "present state". Every insult they utter only serves to bind us more closely to God and them. Their persecution of us only serves to bring them nearer to reconciliation with God and to further the triumphs of love.