

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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* It is most important for us to understand what are the characteristics of the "self-life", and how impossible it is, when under its sway, to live a spiritual life and wield spiritual weapons in the service of God. It is useless exhorting the "flesh" to be "spiritual", and yet the flesh seeking to live a spiritual life and calling itself "spiritual", is the reason of the discrepancy in so many Christian lives to day. We get "light" in our minds; spiritual phrases on our tongue; call our "work" spiritual, whilst we ourselves live after the flesh in greater or lesser degree all the time. Let us then take the Scriptures, and ask that the sword of the Spirit may pierce to the joint and marrow, dividing soul and spirit, so that we may know where we actually stand in the sight of God.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*