

## 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 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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\* Many traditional practices, organizational concepts and techniques of service will be found wanting and be burned up in the crucible of shaking that lies ahead. Only what is relevant to the Holy Spirit's ministry will remain in the armory of the Lord. The "clergy-laity" mind-set and the role of strong dominant independent individuals will fade away as the body of Christ comes to maturity.

"Nominal" church membership will be replaced by deep personal commitments to the Lord. The measure of success by head count in a church will be replaced by the quality of spiritual life that is present. There may well be large churches, but it will be the power and presence of Jesus that marks their success. Not all believers will make these transitions but those who are equipped by the Holy Spirit will do so.

....*"And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire".... Hebrews 12:26-29 NASB*