

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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* The Lord sees each of His children as uniquely diverse but of equal worth; as distinct but with partiality in His eyes. We all have the same call: to lay down our lives in total commitment to Jesus, knowing that apart from Him we can do nothing or be of no value in His kingdom. Even before we responded to His call He foreknew the mistakes and disasters we would make from going our own way. Even these were used by the Lord to prepare us for service. Our "equipping" can only begin after we come to a place of commitment.

All of our manhood *[or womanhood]* must embrace death at the Cross if it is to be raised up anointed and equipped for service. What we have been through in the past can contribute to our preparation for serving him. Therefore, we should not keep looking back and regretting past mistakes. The Lord knew that we would do so and has provided grace accordingly. Our mistakes and sins are under His Blood. We are to focus on His call for our life today and on the Grace that is ours for what lies ahead.

....*"If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action] ".... 1 John 1:9 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [it] yet; but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".... Philippians 3:13-14 NASB*