

## 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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\* In the believer there is always going on a secret struggle between the soul and the spirit. On behalf of God, the spirit seeks to possess and pervade all. On behalf of self, the soul seeks to take the first place, and to assert the right of "independent" action. As long as this is the case, and the soul takes the lead expecting the spirit to follow, and help and bless what it does, our life and work will be barren of truly spiritual results.

Only when the soul, with all its self-willing and running, is daily denied and laid in the dust for the Spirit to work, will the power of God be manifest in our service. Here is the cause of such frequent failure in the spiritual life: Our faith stood more in the wisdom of man, in the influence of human teaching and human apprehension, then in the power of God and His Spirit!

....*"But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation*