

## 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 "cross" is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the "attachments" of this world. When Christ calls a man or woman, He bids them come and die. It may be a "death" such as that of the first disciples who had to "leave" home and work to follow Him, or it may be a "death" like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out in to the world. But it is the same death every time - death in Jesus Christ, the death of the "old man" at His call. Only the one who is dead to their own will can truly follow Christ. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to "die", with all our "affections and lusts". The call of Christ, His baptism, sets the Christian in the middle of the daily arena against sin and the Devil. Every day they encounter new temptations, and every day they must suffer anew for Jesus Christ's sake.

....*"No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier".... 2 Timothy 2:4 NASB*