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## A Timely Word to the Church: No Bed of Roses

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Of course, many people know the gem that is Watchman Nee's 'the Spiritual man' but sometimes when you are reading parts they jump out as full-on prophecy. Like any other sceptical 21st century believer, I am very hesitant to call something prophecy but read this and tell me that God wasn't speaking to Nee:

A Christian must be delivered from every misconception with respect to spiritual life. He often surmises, before he enters the spiritual sphere, that if only he could be as spiritual as his brother how happy he would be! He visualizes the spiritual odyssey as a most happy affair; and so he contemplates spending his days in perfect joy. Little does he know that the opposite is the truth. The spiritual path does not yield any enjoyment to the person himself; it is instead a life of daily fighting. To remove warfare from a spiritual life is to render it unspiritual. Life in the spirit is a suffering way, filled with watching and laboring, burdened by weariness and trial, punctuated by heartbreak and conflict. It is a life utterly outpoured entirely for the kingdom of God and lived in complete disregard for one's personal happiness. When a Christian is carnal he lives towards himself and for his own "spiritual" enjoyment. Of little real value is he in God's hand. Only as he dies to sin and to his personal life shall he be able to be used by God. (  
<http://www.worldinvisible.com/library/nee/sprtmnv2/1969c4p4.htm>)

Is this not what most believers believe? Is this not loaded with such timely truth? I pray that God would open our eyes and remind us that we do not belong here and this is not our home. After all... **We are aliens.**

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