

Adding to the Stock

by Mary Wilder Tileston

We all contribute to a general stock of evil in the world, and it is essential to take responsibility for our actions and their impact.

Scripture: Psalm 97:10, Proverbs 8:13, Romans 12:9, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:22, 1 Peter 3:11

Topics: "Righteous Living", "Overcoming Evil"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of hating evil for those who love the Lord, highlighting how each individual contributes to the general stock of evil in the world through their actions, words, and attitudes. She warns against defending or making light of wrongdoing, as it actively augments the common fund of wickedness that can lead to more serious crimes. Tileston urges believers to be conscious of their contributions to this evil and to strive to diminish it through righteous living and upholding God's standards.

Transcript

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.

PSALMS 97:10

THERE is a general stock of evil in the world to which we all contribute, or which, by God's grace, some may diminish; a vast and fertile tract of ungodliness, of low motives, of low aims, of low desires, of low sense of duty or no sense at all. it is the creation of ages, that tradition; but each age does something for it, and each individual in each age does, if he does not advisedly refuse to do, his share in augmenting it, just as the chimney of every small house does something to thicken and darken the air of London. And this general fund or stock of evil touches us all like the common atmosphere which we breathe. And thus it is that when you or I, even in lesser matters, do or say what our conscience condemns, we do really make a contribution to that general fund of wickedness which, in other circumstances and social conditions than ours, produces flagrant crime. Especially if it should happen that we defend what we do, or make light of it, or make a joke of the misdeeds of others, we do most actively and seriously augment this common fund or tradition of wickedness.

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