

Childlikeness

by Mary Wilder Tileston

To be childlike in faith means to trust in God's love and sovereignty, and to rest in His power and guidance.

Scripture: Matthew 18:3, Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17, 1 Corinthians 14:20

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the importance of childlikeness in receiving the Kingdom of God, emphasizing the need for perfect trust, resting in God's love, and living in His power. Childlikeness involves simplicity, joy, contentment in one's circumstances, singleness of intention, yielding of the will, and forgetfulness of self in favor of God's claims. To be childlike in the pure sense is to live in God as one's Father, Preserver, and Guide, recognizing His perpetual Presence and Providence.

Transcript

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

LUKE 18:17

DEAR Soul, couldst thou become a child

While yet on earth, meek, undefiled,

Then God Himself were ever near,

And Paradise around thee here.

GERHARD TERSTEEGEN

CHILDLIKENESS, in its Scripture sense, is a perfectness of trust, a resting in a Father's love, a being borne on in its power, living in it--it means a simplicity which resolves all into the one idea of lowly submissiveness to One in whom it lives; a buoyancy of spirit, which is a fountain of joy in itself, always ready to spring forth afresh brightly and happily to meet the claims of the present hour, not looking lingeringly back to the past, nor making plans independently, as of oneself, for the future; a resting contented in one's lot, whatever that lot may be; a singleness of intention; a pliancy, a yielding of the will, a forgetfulness of self in another's claims. To be thus childlike in the pure sense of such an ideal, is to be

living in God, as one's Father, one's Preserver, one's Guide, felt to be a perpetual Presence and Providence.

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