

Freedom by Grace

by Mary Wilder Tileston

True freedom is found in trusting in God's grace and guidance, and surrendering to His will in all aspects of life.

Scripture: Isaiah 26:9

Topics: "Gods Grace", "Faithfulness"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, in her sermon, emphasizes the importance of diligently attending to little duties with steadfastness and effort, as they require a continuous listening to God's guidance and a watchfulness against anything that may offend Him. She encourages a free, childlike spirit in serving God, without anxiety but with trust and focus on Him. Tileston reminds believers to have faith in God's grace to lead them in both small and great things, keeping them aligned with His law of love.

Transcript

I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts.

--PSALMS 119:45

To be made with Thee one spirit,

Is the boon that I lingering ask,

To have no bar 'twixt my soul and Thine;

My thoughts to echo Thy will divine,

Myself Thy servant for any task.

--LUCY LARCOM

THERE is more effort, more steadfastness, involved in a diligent attention to little duties than appears at first sight, and that because of their continual recurrence. Such heed to little things implies a ceaseless listening to the whispers of grace, a strict watchfulness against every thought, wish, word or act which can offend God ever so little, a constant effort to do everything as perfectly as possible. All this, however, must be done with a free, childlike spirit, without restlessness and anxiety. He does not ask a fretted, shrinking service. Give yourself to Him, trust Him, fix your eye upon Him, listen to His voice, and then go on bravely and cheerfully, never doubting for an instant that His grace will lead you in small things as well as great,

and will keep you from offending His law of love.

--JEAN NICOLAS GROU

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