

# Helping Our Neighbor

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*We must be active and earnest in kindness, not just passive and inoffensive, to truly help our neighbors and please them for their good.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:40, Romans 15:2, Colossians 3:12, Hebrews 10:24, 1 Peter 4:9

**Topics:** "Christian Service", "Self Denial"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the importance of considering and pleasing others for their good, emphasizing the need to lighten burdens, lessen cares, promote pleasures, and gratify wants and wishes of those around us. She highlights the significance of self-denial, kindness, and actively engaging in acts of love towards family, friends, and neighbors, rather than just avoiding unkindness. Tileston also reflects on the sacrificial nature of hospitality, where giving what one has is easy, but offering weariness and pain is a true sacrifice that adds value to our acts of service.

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## Transcript

Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good.

ROMANS 15:2

Let us consider one another.

HEBREWS 10:24

LOOK around you, first in your own family, then among your friends and neighbors, and see whether there be not some one whose little burden you can lighten, whose little cares you may lessen, whose little pleasures you can promote, whose little wants and wishes you can gratify. Giving up cheerfully our own occupations to attend to others, is one of the little kindnesses and self-denials. Doing little things that nobody likes to do, but which must be done by some one, is another. It may seem to many, that if they avoid little unkindnesses, they must necessarily be doing all that is right to their family and friends; but it is not enough to abstain from sharp words, sneering tones, petty contradiction, or daily little selfish cares; we must be active and earnest in kindness, not merely passive and inoffensive.

LITTLE THINGS, 1852

The labor of the baking was the hardest part of the sacrifice of her hospitality. To many it is easy to give what they have, but the offering of weariness and pain is never easy. They are indeed a true salt to salt sacrifices withal.

GEORGE MACDONALD

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