

# Please the Lord Now

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*Sanctify the present moment, and you sanctify your whole life.*

**Scripture:** Leviticus 9:4, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Ephesians 5:15, Philippians 3:13, James 4:13

**Topics:** "Spiritual Growth", "Sanctification"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of seizing the present moment for spiritual growth and sanctification, rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. She highlights the significance of small acts of obedience, love, self-restraint, meekness, and patience as opportunities to serve and please God. By focusing on sanctifying the present moment, individuals can sanctify their entire lives and experience true growth in holiness.

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## Transcript

For to-day the Lord will appear unto you.M

LEVITICUS 9:4

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

DO not let your growth in holiness depend upon surrounding circumstances, but rather constrain those circumstances to minister to your growth. Beware of looking onward, or out of the present in any way, for the sanctification of your life. The only thing you can really control is the present--the actual moment that is passing by. Sanctify that from hour to hour, and you sanctify your whole life; but brood over the past, or project yourself into the future, and you will lose all. The little act of obedience, love, self-restraint, meekness, patience, devotion, offered to you actually, is all you can do now, and if you neglect that to fret about something else at a distance, you lose your real opportunity of serving God. A moment's silence, when some irritating words are said by another, may stem a very small thing; yet at that moment it is your one duty, your one way of serving and pleasing God, and if you break it, you have lost your opportunity.

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