

# Recognize Sin

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*Knowing the occasions of our sin and how it shows itself is crucial to stopping it and living a life like God.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 4:23, Ephesians 4:31, Colossians 3:8, James 1:19, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "Recognizing Sin", "Spiritual Transformation"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of letting go of negative emotions such as bitterness, wrath, anger, and evil-speaking, and encourages a transformation towards a spirit filled with brightness, a temper like a fragrant wind, and a heart quickened to know and run on God's errands. She highlights the significance of recognizing the occasions and manifestations of sin in our lives to guard against it and stop it, pointing out that seemingly small things like being faulted, slighted, or contradicted contribute to our daily trials and shape our likeness to God and our eternity.

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## Transcript

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

--EPHESIANS 4:31

THE wider vision of the mind;

The spirit bright with sun;

The temper like a fragrant wind,

Chilling and grieving none;

The quickened heart to know God's will,

And on His errands run.

--SUSAN COOLIDGE

IT is of the very greatest moment to know the occasions of our sin, and the way in which it shows itself. To know the occasions, puts us on our guard; to know how our sin shows itself, gives us the means of stopping it. Thus, as to these occasions; one is made angry, if he is found fault with roughly, or even at all,

or slighted, or spoken slightly of, or laughed at, or kept waiting, or treated rudely, or hurt even unintentionally, or if his will is crossed, or he is contradicted, or interrupted, or not attended to, or another be preferred to him, or if he cannot succeed in what he has to do. These sound little things when we speak of them in the presence of God, and in the sight of eternity. But these and such like little things make up our daily trials, our habits of mind, our life; our likeness or unlikeness to God, who made us in His own image; our eternity.

--E. B. PUSEY

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