

Respond to the Call

by Mary Wilder Tileston

The sermon emphasizes the importance of answering God's call and making sacrifices to obey His commands.

Scripture: Isaiah 6:8

Topics: "Complete Surrender", "Christian Discipleship"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the struggle of surrendering everything to Christ, as seen in the story of the rich young man who walked away sorrowful because he couldn't let go of his possessions. She challenges the congregation to consider if they are truly willing to give Christ everything or just a part of their lives, highlighting the tremendous test of complete surrender that not everyone can endure.

Transcript

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:22

We too, in our own way, have often a quite impression that we are keeping all the commandments sufficiently, and inheriting the eternal life. One day a tremendous duty opens before us, and we are aghast at its hardness. What shall we do? What shall we answer? Is Christ deserving of everything from us, or only of part? It is a tremendous test which all cannot stand.

ANTHONY W. THOROLD

A great necessity is a great opportunity. Nothing is really lost by a life of sacrifice; everything is lost by failure to obey God's call. The opportunities of generously serving Jesus Christ are few; perhaps not more than one in a lifetime. They come, they do not return. What we do upon a great occasion will probably depend upon what we already are; what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline under the grace of Christ, or of the absence of it.

HENRY PARRY LIDDON

Things are not to be done by the effort of the moment, but by the preparation of past moments.

RICHARD CECIL

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