

Seek to Please Him

by Mary Wilder Tileston

To truly love God, we must seek to please Him in all things, with a single eye to His service, and by obeying Him, we strengthen our faith and love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:48

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, through the words of Frederick Temple and Edward B. Pusey, emphasizes the intertwining of love and duty in fulfilling God's commandments. Love encompasses duty and is essential for a genuine relationship with God. Tileston encourages believers to find joy in obeying God in all aspects of life, whether in ordinary tasks or significant decisions, with the aim of pleasing Him and deepening their love for Him.

Transcript

I will run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

PSALMS 119:32

My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved.

PSALMS 119:48

LOVE is higher than duty. But the reason is that love in reality contains duty in itself. Love without a sense of duty is a mere delusion, from which we cannot too soon set ourselves free. Love is duty and something more.

FREDERICK TEMPLE

THINK not anything little, wherein we may fulfil His commandments. It is in the midst of common and ordinary duties that our life is placed; common occupations make up our lives. By faith and love we obey; but by obedience are the faith and love, which God gives us, strengthened. Then shall we indeed love our Lord, when we seek to please Him in all things, speak or are silent, sleep or wake, labor or rest, do or suffer, with a single eye to His service. God give us grace so to love Him, that we may in all things see Him; in all, obey; and, obeying, see Him more clearly and love Him less unworthily; and so, in that blissful harmony of obedience and of love, be prepared to see Him "face to face."

EDWARD B. PUSEY

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