

# To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*We are accountable for the blessings and gifts we have received, and we must respond to God's calls in our lives.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:1, Luke 12:48, Ephesians 2:8, James 4:17, 1 Peter 4:10

**Topics:** "Stewardship Of Blessings", "Heart Of Gratitude"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the responsibility that comes with the blessings and gifts we receive from God, emphasizing that much is required from those who have been given much. She reflects on how God continually seeks entrance into our hearts, presenting various opportunities for us to turn to Him through His providence, afflictions, compassion, and presence in our lives. Tileston challenges listeners to consider the numerous ways God has reached out to them for a lasting conversion, urging them to recognize the grace and blessings bestowed upon them and to respond with a heart of gratitude and obedience.

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## Transcript

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.

LUKE 12:48

GOD is ever seeking an entrance, and the avenue to the heart is closed against Him; He enters in, and is rudely thronged, or jostled, or civilly put off, or promised an audience at a more convenient season, if He is not, by deadly sin, cast out. How many calls by God's providence, by the tender austerity of His afflictions, by His compassion, His bounties, by the deaths of others, or our own prolonged lives when we seemed nigh unto death, by the beauty of truth, by the unsatisfactoriness of things present, by some sight, even if afar off, of things eternal, by the sense of His presence by the ocean of whose love we are encompassed, by some sensible sweetness over-streaming us,--any one of these might have been a lasting conversion to God, and where have they left us? Above the common gifts to all, our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; besides that universal gift of "the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ," we thank Him for that which is varied to each, "the means of grace." What we have had might have made glorious saints of those who have had less.

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