

Toward Christ and Away From Sin

by Mary Wilder Tileston

We must strive for holiness and victory over sin, not just trying to avoid it.

Scripture: Matthew 5:5, John 13:23, Romans 8:37, Philippians 3:14

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the concept of being more than conquerors through Christ's love, urging believers to seek full, glorious victory in the Holy War against sin. She encourages not just abstaining from sin but actively pursuing the opposite virtues by stretching forward to Christ and His holiness. Tileston highlights the importance of striving for absolute conquest over sin early on to avoid prolonged and difficult battles, emphasizing the need to keep irritability under control to prevent a more significant struggle with passion.

Transcript

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

ROMANS 8:37

LORD, in this awful fight with Sin

I would not just prevail;

Against each lust so strong within

I would not almost fail.

Full, gladsome, glorious victory

Should crown the Holy War;

Lord! I would triumph well--would be--

A more than conqueror.

THOMAS H. GILL

DO not try only to abstain from sin, but strive, by God's grace, to gain the opposite grace. If thou wouldest not slip back into sin, thou must stretch forward to Christ and His holiness. It is a dull, heavy, dreary, toilsome way, just to avoid sin. Thou wouldest not simply not be impatient; thou wouldest long to be like thy Lord, who was meek and lowly of heart. Thou wouldest not only not openly murmur; thou wouldest surely long, like the beloved Apostle, to rest on Jesus' breast, and will what He wills.

EDWARD B. PUSEY

THE only real relief is in absolute conquest; and the earlier the battle begins, the easier and the shorter it will be. If one can keep irritability under, one may escape a struggle to the death with passion.

JULIANA H. EWING

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