

# Waiting or Doing

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in God's providence and pleasing Him in all things, whether in times of rest or activity.*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 30:24, Psalm 46:10, Philippians 4:11, Colossians 3:23

**Topics:** "Contentment", "Obedience To God"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the importance of contentment and obedience to God's will, emphasizing that whether we are called to worship in stillness or serve in busyness, we should do so with a light heart and a smooth brow. She highlights the blessing in accepting God's providence, whether it leads us to work or rest, and encourages maintaining tranquility and contentment in all circumstances by seeking to please God alone.

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## Transcript

As his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall share alike.

--1 SAMUEL 30:24 (R. V.)

WORSHIP or service,--which? Ah, that is best

To which He calls us, be it toil or rest,--

To labor for Him in life's busy stir,

Or seek His feet, a silent worshipper.

--CAROLINE A. MASON

LET us no more yearn for present employment when God's providence bids us "be still," than we would think it good to yearn after cessation while God bids work. Shall we not miss a blessing if we call rest a weariness and a discontent, no less than if we called God's work a thankless labor? If we would be holy in body and spirit, shall we not keep smooth brow, light heart, whether He bids us serve His table, or wait our summons?

--EDWARD WHITE BENSON

He who acts with a view to please God alone, wishes to have that only which it pleases God that he should have, and at the time and in the way which may be most agreeable to Him: and, whether he have it or not, he is equally tranquil and contented, because in either case he obtains his wish, and fulfils his intention, which was no other than purely to please God.

--LORENZO SCUPOLI

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