

Members of the Kingdom

by Mary Wilder Tileston

As members of the Kingdom of God, we are called to be conscious workers, contributing to its advancement, and finding consolation in failure through our membership.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Luke 17:21, 1 Corinthians 3:9, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 1:13

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the Kingdom of God within us, emphasizing the importance of being conscious workers in God's Kingdom with our unique individuality and surroundings. She highlights how our work, no matter how small, can contribute to the advancement of God's Kingdom, giving even the humblest tasks a sense of consecration. Tileston encourages the idea that being part of God's Kingdom provides a source of comfort and consolation, surpassing any worldly success or failure.

Transcript

Who hath delivered us from the power of dark-ness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

IT is right that we should have an aim of our own, determined by our individuality and our surroundings; but this may readily degenerate into exclusive narrowness, unless it has for a background the great thought that there is a Kingdom of God within us, around us, and above us, in which we, with all our powers and aims, are called to be conscious workers. Toward the forwarding of this silent, ever-advancing Kingdom, our little work, whatever it be, if good and true, may contribute something. And this thought lends to any calling, however lowly, a consecration which is wanting even to the loftiest self-chosen ideals. But even if our aim should be frustrated and our work come to naught, yet the failure of our most cherished plans may be more than compensated. In the thought that we are members of this Kingdom, already begun, here and now, yet reaching forward through all time, we shall have a reserve of consolation better than any which success without this could give.

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