



Unfinished portrait of William Wilberforce  
by Sir Thomas Lawrence, 1828

People throughout Britain had turned back to God. When William Wilberforce started his heroic fight, there were only two other committed Christians in Parliament. By the end of his life, there were more than one hundred in each house. God had used his and his friends' prayers and perseverance to change the heart of a nation.

Joyce Vollmer Brown, *Courageous Christians: Devotional Stories for Family Reading*, (Chicago: Moody Press, 2000), 138.