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Sermon on mount.

What is meant by the 2nd mile?



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Not telling us that it is ok for people to walk all over you.

Not telling us to turn our backs on evil or injustice.

Matt 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’³⁹ But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. ⁴¹ Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Context is we do not repay evil with evil.

We need to be different!

We might become evil!

Because God did NOT! Death for Sin!



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No one likes to be bullied, we write off entire idea!

It was lawful to be forced to carry burden for Roman. Who likes it?

Jews especially did not carrying burden of Roman soldier.

What so servants do?

We Work ... What else?

Point of being a Christian IS Servitude ...

World just tries to get by ...

Work as little as possible ...

Christian do what must be done ... then a little more ...

Luke 17:10 ...



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We do more ...

Matt 5:11-12 When we are **insulted** we ... *rejoice?*

NOT ONLY

Matt 5:21-24 We **do not kill**, we *do not even hate* ...

NOT ONLY

Matt 5:27-28 We **do not commit adultery**, we *do not even lust* ...

NOT ONLY

Matt 5:33-37 We **do not swear by earthly things**, we *don't swear at all* ...

NOT ONLY

Matt 6:33 We do not seek heaven casually, but 1st!

Matt 7:21-27 We don't just talk, we do ...

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Do we do like the world? If so we also miss Christ by a mile.

Rev 3:15 “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So because you are **lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

2 Corth 9:7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not **grudgingly** or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Rev 2:7 But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. – **half hearted**



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2 Corth 8:1-5

Luke 10:30-35 who made the Samaritan do the extra work needed?

Repeat

Luke 21:1-4 by giving all – she got the job done!

Repeat

Mark 14:1-9 In home of Simon, costly perfume, V8 **‘She has done what she could’**

We each are responsible for what we ...not others... can do!

Repeat

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We need 2nd milers ... everywhere

Matt 6:33 seek God first ... We lead way for others!

Rom 12:1 Our lives a sacrifice to God ... Is He serious?

2 Corth 8:7 “But just as **you abound** in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in **the love we inspired in you**, see that **you abound** in this gracious work also. ⁸ I am not speaking *this* as a command ...”

If not a command then why ?

... ”but as proving through the **earnestness of others the sincerity** of your love also. ⁹ For **you know** the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for **your sake** He became poor, so that **you** through His poverty might become rich.”

#1. **It is Your Attitude!** In fact same one Christ has ...

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#2 **It grows** ... first on you then others

2 Peter 1:5-8 Add to your faith ... list of virtues ... and abounds

Eph 4:15-16 “but speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow** up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of **each individual part, causes the growth of the body** for the building up of itself in love.”



Growing is result of
Doing more; might hurt
A little bit ...

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What if we used 2nd mile attitudes in ...

Marriages Eph 5:22-23

Brotherhood **Gal 6:1** Bear one another's burdens

Eph 6:4 Parents not provoking children (Quality vs Quantity Time)

*Going 2nd mile ...
Requires to do so ...*



*...With 2nd person
... Sometimes it is Jesus*

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What will you find in 2nd mile?

2 Tim 2:15 A **diligent, approved Worker** for God

1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. ¹⁵ Take **pains** with these things; **be absorbed** in them, so that your **progress** will be **evident** to all. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure **salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.**

2 Corth 9:6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and **he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”**

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2 Tim 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out as a **drink offering**, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have **kept the faith**; ⁸ in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, ... **HOPE!**

Phil 2:17-18 But even if I am being poured out as a **drink offering** upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I **rejoice and share my joy with you all**. ¹⁸ You too, ***I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.***



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Heb 11. Any quitters there ?



Many/Most points in Sermon on Mount are enduring in OT

And His people have always been 2nd milers. Always !

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...

Why? So we can run farther!

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Motivations

Rom 5:6-8 How did God treat us?

Matt 18:11 Jesus came 2nd mile to seek the lost ...

We must do so without murmuring and complaining!



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NOT TALKING ABOUT EARNING SALVATION BUT BEING CLOSER TO GOD – MILE 2

Matt 5:45 “so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven”

