

Building Your Life on Solid Rock Part 7 Going the Extra Mile

²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Matthew 7 [final summary sermon on the mount]

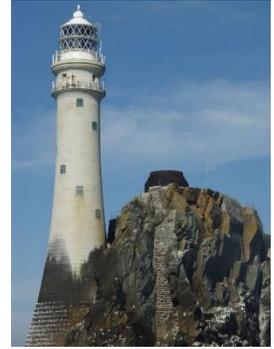
³⁸ “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.

⁴⁰ If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.

⁴¹ **If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.**

⁴² Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

Matthew 5:38-42



Principle of Going the Extra Mile!

⁴¹ If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Matthew 5:41

Romans had learned from **Persians!** This had caused much anger and resentment!

Principle is doing more than just the bare minimum!

Practice of Going the Extra Mile

Many have a **MINIMUM** Christianity! Jesus is NOT teaching **PACIFISM!**

Bible is against lawlessness and anarchy!

Paul expands on this in Romans 12:17-13:4

We are not to take Personal Vengeance! A word about spitting and slapping!

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. I Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, **but in deed and in truth.** I John 3:17-18

Jesus is NOT teaching us to be a **“DOORMAT”** There is a giving that can hurt and not help!

If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat 2 Thessalonians 3

Jesus is saying that we do not just pay what we owe but to see if we can meet the needs of others with what God has blessed us with!

The first mile is the legal, law mile. The second mile is the LOVE mile.

Power of *Going the Extra Mile*

It will transform your life in 3 Ways!

1. It Will Change Your **ATTITUDE** First mile is the slave mile Second mile is the smile mile

First mile you are the victim

Second mile you are victorious

First mile you are controlled

Second mile you are in control

First mile you are bitter

Second mile you are better

*And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:35

2. It Will Make You **SUCCESSFUL**

3. It is the Key to Better **RELATIONSHIPS**

JESUS was definitely and EXTRA MILER!!!