



2nd Mile

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Matthew 5:41 (NASB) “Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.”

2nd Mile Motives: My effort should be at such a level that people will never relate _____ and _____ with God.

Prov. 12:27 “A lazy man does not roast his prey, but the precious possession of a man *is* diligence.”

Prov. 18:9 “He also who is slack in his work is brother to him who destroys.”

Ecc 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with *all* your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.”

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

2nd Mile Models: God has called me to be a 2nd mile role model that others might _____ my example.

Rebecca (Gen. 24)

Jesus John 5:17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

Paul 1 Cor. 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.”

1 Cor. 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.”

2 Thes. 3:7-13 “with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. “

2nd Mile Mindset: A 2nd mile mindset should pervade _____ area of my life.

Col. 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

John 6:28-29 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Philippians 4:3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of* the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

2 Timothy 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Questions:

1. How do you respond when you are inconvenienced (ex: woken up early, asked to do a favor, given a last minute responsibility)?
2. In what areas of your life would you humbly consider yourself a 2nd mile example?
3. In what areas of your life would the words “mediocrity” and “laziness” best describe your actions?
4. What one thing could you commit to that would help establish a 2nd mile mindset in an area of your life?
5. How would God want to use you to lovingly encourage a 2nd mile mindset in a friend’s life? (not for discussion in small group)