

## THE SECOND MILE

Matthew 5:38-48

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- 1) INTRODUCTION
  - a) The key to living with a smile is a Christ-centered life.
  - b) The Christ-filled life is the self-emptied life.
  - c) The second mile is the smile mile.
  
- 2) THE SECOND MILE IS THE MASTERY MILE (Matthew 5:41)
  - a) In Jesus' day, the Romans implemented what was called, "The Roman Mile."
    - i) A Roman soldier could demand that a Jew carry a burden for one mile.
    - ii) This was done to subjugate the land as well as humiliate its inhabitants.
  - b) We need to do more than the legalists.
    - i) Matthew 5:20
    - ii) Matthew 5:46-47
  - c) Life is lived on three levels:
    - i) The hellish level
      - (1) Returns evil for good.
    - ii) The human level
      - (1) Returns evil for evil and good for good.
    - iii) The heavenly level
      - (1) Returns good for evil.
  - d) We have no control over the first mile. The first mile is master over us.
  - e) We have control over the second mile.
  
- 3) THE SECOND MILE IS THE CHARITY MILE (Matthew 5:38-44)
  - a) The first mile is legalism.
  - b) The second mile is love.
  - c) When do we need to go the second mile?
    - i) We go the second mile when our dignity is degraded.
      - (1) Matthew 5:38
      - (2) Romans 12:17-20
    - ii) We go the second mile when our adversary is victorious.
      - (1) Matthew 5:40
      - (2) Luke 19:8
    - iii) We go the second mile when we have a brother or sister in need.
      - (1) Matthew 5:42
      - (2) Psalm 112:5
    - iv) We go the second mile when we are misused or abused.
      - (1) Matthew 5:43-44
  
- 4) THE SECOND MILE IS THE VICTORY MILE
  - a) Successful people are second milers.
  - b) We should strive to be a second miler in all aspects of our lives.
    - i) Work
    - ii) School

- iii) Marriage
- iv) Devotional life
- v) Witnessing life

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) Jesus went the second mile for us.
- b) The first mile was God giving us a chance, and we failed. God would've been perfectly just to have cast us into Hell.
- c) Jesus died for us and made a way for us to be saved. That's the second mile.
  - i) Romans 5:8
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31