

## **JUST ONE MORE MILE TO GO**

Based on the command of Christ #9 – “Go the second mile”.

Matthew 5:38-42

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’

39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:38 - “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’

Exodus 21:24 - eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

Leviticus 24:20 - fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The one who has inflicted the injury must suffer the same injury.

Deuteronomy 19:21 - Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Rom. 13:1-8

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

4 For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.

7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

### **I. Going the second mile can seem painful!**

Matthew 5:39 - But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

### **II. Going the second mile can seem costly!**

Matthew 5:40 - And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

1 Corinthians 6:7 - The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

### **III. Going the second mile can seem burdensome!**

Matthew 5:41- If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### **IV. Going the second mile can require uncommon generosity!**

Matthew 5:42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Proverbs 22:7 - The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.