Second Mile Religion
Matt. 5:38-48

Introduction:
A. Jesus teaches an attitude that lifts us to a higher plane.
   2. Higher moral and ethical standards than society at large (v. 47; Mt. 5:13-16).
   3. Give more than the mere expected or compelled (vv. 40, 41)
B. The most happy and productive Christians have the “second mile” mentality.
C. Christians are taught apply the “second mile” attitude to every phase of their lives.

Conclusion:
I. **In the Home**
   A. Husbands more than just exercise headship— honor, nourish, cherish (1 Pet. 3:7; Eph 5:28, 29)
   B. Wives more than just submit — willingly and respectfully (Eph. 5:33; 1 Pet. 3:5,6).
   C. Parents’ more than just control children — with training and admonish of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).
   D. Children more than just obey parents — honor them (Eph 6:1)

II. **In Society.**
   A. Go second mile to maximize influence with non-Christians (Col. 4:5-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-22).
   B. Obey authorities more than just out of fear — for conscience sake (Rom. 13:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:13-17).
      1. Not “pick and choose” the laws to obey.
      2. Not only those that run the risk of being caught.
      3. Includes willingly paying taxes (Rom. 13:6-7)

III. **In the Church.**
   A. Doing more than just enough to “get by” — abound (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 9:6; 2 Pet. 1:8).
      1. In our attendance.
      2. In our support.
      3. In our other duties: study, visiting, etc.
   B. Willing to do more than just “my fair share”
      1. Need to do my share (Eph. 4:16).
      2. May need to help another with his share (Rom. 15:1,2).

Conclusion:
A. Church suffering for a lack of “second mile” Christians.
B. Remember it is a matter of attitude — wanting to everything within our power to honor our Lord.