

"GOOD GAS MILEAGE"

Matt. 5:41

55 Miles Speed Limit
Tips for Driving
Don't run the motor while waiting for the body to turn.
by rebranded carb -
Good for discussion anytime - Race with Car Makers

How many miles do you get to the gallon? This car is scheduled to give 20 miles per gallon. This heavy car will give 16. And this lawn mower will give 40 miles per gallon. Tests are being made to improve the distance per gallon.

ONE University (Football team) is going to try out a 3 squad system this year. One will play offense - the 2nd will play defense. And the 3rd squad will attend class.

Jesus, was (on a mountain) talking with his Disciples, telling them how to get better mileage as Christians. He talked about great truth using illustrations children could understand.

We know something of the effect of his words - Matt. 7:28-29. "And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes."

Practical teaching - all of it may be lived. He was speaking of a Kingdom and the King. At the same time he was telling them that with the help of Christ the great principles of life could be lived.

Powerful living. The sermons of men grow old but the Sermon on the Mount never passes out of date.

It is as though Jesus was there on the Mount preaching (today) There were human hearts calling for help. Jesus spoke the right word and they went on their way rejoicing.

After these words (Matt. 8:1-3) Great Multitudes followed him. A leper came and Jesus put forth his hand touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean, and immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

In Old Testament Times the garments worn by the High Priest had a peculiar adornment on the hem of the robe, there was a golden bell and a pomegranate, then a golden bell and a pomegranate, until they met complete; as the High Priest moved to and fro the golden bells chimed their sweet music and the people understood that their reconciliation with God was being made complete.

This illustrates the ministry of Jesus. No wonder the people heard him gladly. He had the words of life. The words of Jesus go everywhere and fit themselves into your life.

Influence - The Sermon of Jesus touches every part of our lives. Marvel not if the world hates you; it hated me before it hated you.

The salt and light are used as figures. 5:19.

There are suggestions here as to giving. 6:1.

There are hints as to praying. 7:7-8.

There are warnings as to criticisms. 7:1.

Heart of the sermon - 5:38-42. Here is an ideal. A tree may be decayed at the heart and die. A man may let some pretty sins bring death.

Revolutionize every Christian life. Jesus said you need to get better mileage in life. You need to add a second mile!

Olden days -- custom if one traveled through a strange country and did not know the way, if he should meet some one along the way - one who may have been going in the opposite direction, and know the country, it was possible for the stranger to stop the one he met on his journey and compel him to become his courier. The Roman Empire had

imposed this yoke.

The law said, the man who knew the way must lay down his burden, to turn aside and go with the stranger one mile. A Roman soldier could compel one to carry his packs.

At the end of that one mile, he could stop and (not go one foot) farther.

Jesus said -- "Whosoever shall compel Thee to go a mile go with him the second mile."

The first mile was law - the second grace.

The first mile you are compelled - the second you choose.

This is why Christianity will give you better mileage. A Sunday School

Teacher assigned this text for memory. Does anyone know the verse. A boy

"Whosoever shall compel Thee to go with him one mile, go with him by train."

1. Demonstration of overflow tank.

Only when your life overflows does it demonstrate. The valley of the Nile is fruitful because the Nile overflows into it.

The world needs the second mile overflow in the spirit of love.

Mr. E. O. Excell wrote a poem and set it to music.

"Do you know the world is dying
For a little bit of love?
Everywhere we hear their sighing

For a little bit of love.

For the love that rights a wrong,
Fills the heart with hope and song,
They have waited, oh so long,
For a little bit of love.

From the poor of every city,
For a little bit of love,
Hands are reaching out in pity,
For a little bit of love.

Some have burdens hard to bear,
Shall they falter and despair
For a little bit of love?

Down before their idols falling,
For a little bit of love
Many souls in vain are calling,
For a little bit of love.

If they die in sin and shame,
Somebody surely is to blame
For not going in His name
With a little bit of love.

While the souls of men are dying,
For a little bit of love,
While the children too are crying
For a little bit of love.

Stand no longer idly by,
You can help them if you try;
Go then, saying, Here am I
With a little bit of love."

The second mile spirit is what Jesus demonstrated. Eph. 3:20. "Now unto
him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according
to the power that worketh in us."

He is able to do -- His nature is like the first mile. But he is able to do
abundantly, exceeding abundantly beyond and above all that we ask.

Have you ever noticed when Jesus fed the multitudes, He commanded them to sit
down in ranks of fifty. Fifty must have known each other, so sit down together and
eat.

Zaccheus' descend from the tree and Jesus gives him the second mile treatment when he said "This day is salvation come to your household."

Emmaus walk - He went the second mile with them by eating and blessing them.

The person who comes to Jesus always parts with more than one blessing.

2. Define Practical Living

Count Leo Tolstoi stood one day upon the corner of a street in a Russian city when a beggar asked him for aid. The great Russian said, "My brother, I would willingly give it, but I have nothing." The beggar went on his way rejoicing.

One of his friends said "you received nothing from him, why rejoice? But he said, "he called me brother." That is the second mile, and for it the world waits."

The home is poor without the second mile.

One mother busy in house work. Her little girl came - "Please mother, give me a needle and thread, a piece of cloth, and your scissors and your thimble."

Impatiently the mother said, "For what?"

She answered "To make my doll a dress."

Mother said, "I have no time, run away; you ought not to bother me. I will not give you these things."

The child goes out with the seed of bitterness in her heart. She grows to womanhood - people look at her and say, "She is exactly like her mother, just as impatient, just as fault-finding."

✓ ill A second mother equally occupied. Her child comes and requests a needle and thread, cloth, scissors and thimble.

Mother finds it a delight to turn from her work to lay these things in the child's hands. At the same time she told the little girl about the love of Jesus.

The little girl goes out with a song and says "If ever there was an angel - it is my mother." She grows up and people say "She is exactly like her mother, the same sweet, gentle disposition."

This is the spirit of the second mile. It is practical and it works.

The church needs this -- going the second mile will win people.

✓ ill New York - A Sunday School Superintendent urged his teachers to bring new scholars the next Sunday. He walked down 6th Avenue and attempted to win a street boy. "Will you go to Sunday School? - "Nope". "We give picture papers to every boy." "We have music. We have everything to make you have a good time." The boy refused.

Disappointed, the superintendent walked away.

Heard patter of feet, boy said, "Mister, are you there?" Yes, I am there. "Well, next Sunday I'll be there."

Sunday School papers, music, attractions were simply the first mile. The spirit

of the Superintendent was the second mile.

Someone wrote Christianity is a failure.

No it has never been tried. Could this be said of any of us?

Someone printed victory cards.

2 Cor. 11:14 - "When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight. That is victory. John 13:48-50.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed and you take it all in patient and living silence. That is victory. John 8:48-50.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to itch after commendation, when you can truly "Love to be unknown." That is victory - Gal. 2:20.

What if you could live as this card indicates? Everyone would become a soul winner -- churches would be enlarged.

Are you getting good mileage?

✓ - Rev. James M. Gray presented a card with the following:

"If one bid Thee go a mile,
Go with him the second mile.

Let not duty set Thy pace,
Christian love keeps step with grace.

"It is Thus with Jesus' love,
Love all others loves above,
Jesus fills our cup and more,
Fills it till it runneth o'er.

"Love like this in you and me
Getting us at liberty.
Freeing us from self and sin,
Lost and dying souls would win.

"Ah, my brother will it pay?
At Christ's judgement seat some day
It will have been worth our while
To have gone the second mile."

CONCLUSION:

✓ God went the second mile.

Gave us a guidebook.

Sent Jesus - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One day on Golgotha Jesus hung on a cross. Carrying his cross down the streets.

Staggered and fell. They whipped him.

Simon of Cyrene look at the scene.

Centurion, "Come carry the cross for this man."

Gladly he says, "I'll carry his cross for him, and might have said if you will let me, I will be crucified in his stand."

You can get better mileage by taking up his cross today, determined to go the second mile.