



The Spirit of the Second Mile

Matthew 5:38-42



The Proper View of Self

- *Too often, we are more selfish than selfless.*
- *It is not about our way, our rights, our plans, our wishes, our desires, or our style.*
- *We must learn the discipline of self-denial (Luke 9:23).*



The Proper View of Submission

- *It is not about how little we can do for the Lord, but how much because of our love for Him (1 John 4:19).*
- *We work out of love, not duty; out of gratitude, not fear.*
- *Let's apply this to attendance at worship services, giving, study, prayer, visitation, and teaching.*



The Proper View of Sin

- *There are sins of both commission and omission, what we have done wrong, and failed to do that is right.*
- *A false view of sin leads to a false view of security, that we are “not so bad” (Luke 18:9-14).*
- *The failure to do right is just as sinful (James 4:17).*



The Proper View of Service

- *Every judgment parable reveals punishment for what one failed to do rather than what was done wrong.*
- *Here are three timely examples: the one talent man (Matt. 25); the rich man (Luke 16); and the sheep and the goats (Matt. 25).*
- *These should be somber warnings for us.*



Love them anyway.

Do good anyway.

Succeed anyway.

Be honest and frank anyway.

Think big anyway.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

Build anyway.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

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