

Above And Beyond

I. Introduction: You have heard someone use a phrase such as: “he went above and beyond what we expected.”

- A. What we do is a testimony of our faith (**James 2:18**).
 - 1. There is a principle of “little faith” (**Matthew 16:5-12**).
 - 2. Faith that groweth exceedingly (**II Thessalonians 1:3**).
 - 3. Of course there is also full of faith (**Acts 6:5; 6:8**).
 - 4. Those of the faith are those whom maintain good works (**Titus 3:8**).
- B. Yet, the measurements are NOT just busyness, but priorities (**Luke 10:38-42**).
 - 1. Being hospitable is good and busy work (**Romans 12:13** and **I Peter 4:8-9**).
 - 2. Yet, to be one that goes above and beyond you also have to realize what is the most important things to focus on (**I Peter 1:3-5**).

II. Body: Knowing Thou Wilt Also Do More Than I Say (**Philemon 1:20-21**).

- A. *“And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain”* (**Matthew 5:41**).
 - 1. Compel: “Properly, to be a courier, i.e. (by implication) to press into public service: — compel (to go). To employ a courier, dispatch a mounted messenger, press into public service, compel to go; In Persia, mounted couriers were kept at regular intervals throughout Persia for carrying the royal dispatches” (Strong’s # 29)
 - 2. The word is used in **Matthew 27:32** and **Mark 15:21**
- B. Consider what it means to excel, to abound (**I Corinthians 14:12**).
 - 1. Always abounding (**I Corinthians 15:58**).
 - 2. In the aiding of needy saints as they abounded in other things (**II Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:12-13**).
 - 3. In love that is productive (**Philippians 1:9-10**).
 - 4. In the faith with thanksgiving (**Colossians 2:6-7**).
 - 5. Love towards brethren (**I Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9-10**).
- C. What about phrases like “give it your all” that even the world uses?
 - 1. The first commandment of all (**Deuteronomy 6:5** and **Mark 12:28-34**).
 - 2. The instruction to servants (**Colossians 3:22-25**).
- D. The competitive mindset (**I Corinthians 9:24-27**).
 - 1. After the list of faithful men and women (**Hebrews 11:1-40**); think about run with patience the race set before us (**Hebrews 12:1-3**).
 - 2. Eyes on the prize (**Philippians 3:12-14**).

III. Conclusion: Let us abound more and more (**I Thessalonians 4:1**).