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SECOND MILE CHRISTIANS

There are some folks, both saved and unsaved, who complain they are overworked. Someone has said: "Most of us are not overworked: we're just under-motivated. We could go the second mile, if we could only be glad about it." Jesus is looking for workers: **"Therefore said he unto them. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest."** ~*Luke 10:2*. We need some second mile Christians!

ZIGZAGGING!

Years ago, an old farmer hitched up the horse and buggy for a trip into town. His dog ran alongside the carriage. When he got there a friend noted that old Towser was worn out from the trip. The farmer said, "Tain't the trip that tires him, it's the zigzagging. We've not gone ten miles but he has gone fifty. There wasn't a gate on the trip that he did not have to go in and run around. There wasn't a cat that appeared but what he had to chase it. Every dog that barked, he wore himself out barking back. "No," he concluded, tain't the straight traveling that tires him, it's the zigzagging." That reminds me of a good many Christians. They may be truly tired, but it is not from the journey, not from serving the Lord. It is all the zigzagging they do elsewhere. It reminds me of the Israelites who refused to go into the Promised Land. The direct route was only eleven days but they zigzagged around in the wilderness for forty years. Deuteronomy 1:2,3. Let's get our priorities straight, keep our eyes on the goal leave off all the "side trips."

WOOL OVER THEIR EYES

A farmer was sorting out the sheep. Here and there he would take one, throw it down to the ground and cut away the wool from around its eyes. A visitor asked, "Why are you doing that?" He replied, "some sheep have a tendency to grow wool over their eyes. It's a bad thing, for then, he can't see where he's going, he can't find his food, he strays off from the other sheep, and he may be caught and killed by a wolf." How many of God's sheep have a problem of wool over the eyes? They have the same problems as real sheep: can't see where they are going, etc. They need to get out God's knife and cut away the wool. **"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..."** ~*Hebrews 4:12*.

FROZEN ASSETS

I once read of a little boy who kept all of his money in a piggy bank. Then, he filled the piggy bank with water and put it in the freezer. Obviously, while it was frozen, no one was going to be able to get any of his financial assets. That reminds me of some folks. God has given them all sorts of blessings, assets. They have health, material possessions, money, time and talents. But instead of using them and investing them in every day life for the glory of God and the benefit of others, they have frozen them. They freeze them in the "piggy bank" of selfishness and worldly interests, financial security. Remember: **"God loveth a cheerful giver."**

Here is one not-so-secret way of giving to God: **"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."** ~*Luke 6:38*.