

Going the Extra Mile

Matthew 5:41 (NIV)

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Matthew 25:1-2 (NIV)

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

Matthew 25:3 (NIV)

The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

Matthew 25:4 (NIV)

The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5 (NIV)

The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

Proverbs 16:9 (AMPC)

A man’s mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure.

John 16:33 (AMPC)

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

Psalm 91:11 (AMPC)

For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].

Matthew 25:5 (NIV)

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Matthew 25:6-8 (NIV)

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

Matthew 25:9-10 (NIV)

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 25:10-12 (NIV)

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’