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## Two Miles To Heaven

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Matthew 5:38-41

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INT: None of us can change the whole world by ourselves.  
All of us can change some of world: ourselves!!!

Jesus startled world; Best formulae for improvement  
of the world is the Two-Mile Christian Life!!  
Too much living done today with a grudge; not a smile.

I. REVIEW JEWISH MENTAL PICTURE OF WORD: COMPELL (AN-GAR-IO)

- A. Roman soldiers impressing Jewish property and personal  
into service against their will. *cook, sew, feed*  
B. Christ's solution only way to take joy out of force  
and sting out of compulsion THEN, and NOW as well.

II. WOMEN HAVE ROMAN GUARD "WORK" WHICH COMPELLS THEM TODAY.

- BIBLE: A. Christian women should be the happiest and best work-  
ers in the world today, but  
B. Can the world look to Christian ladies for a pattern??

III. CHRISTIAN HOUSEWIVES HAVE BEEN SELLING THEMSELVES TOO SHORT

- A. Think that because  $\frac{1}{3}$  Amer. labor force is now women  
outside the home, something wrong with the home!!! *No*  
B. Dr. Kate H. Mueller, Counselor at U. of Indiana gives  
four reasons wives & mothers are leaving the home.  
1. Necessities of life. Husband and father died.  
2. Cost of high living. Cars, boats, summer homes et  
3. Terrible fire. Father, "We've lost all."  
Small son, "No daddy, we have each other."  
4. Failure. To adjust to urban living. The copy.  
5. Finance long and expensive week-end vacations.  
C. Divorces, separations, desertions, brawls and murders  
increasing as ignorance, strife, jealousy & hate grow  
D. Old Fashioned Formulae followed in a few homes is  
where happiness can be found today. Buck the tide!!!  
I Timothy 5:14. Titus 2:4-5.

"Our strength, as a nation, does not lie in what we have  
in our HAND but by what we have in our HEART & HOME.

IV. WOMEN CAN MAKE HOME WHAT THEY WANT IT IN MOST CASES.

- A. Often can't change the world but can change self!!!  
1. Mrs. Billy Graham pasted this motto over her sink:  
"Dish washing services held here three times a day  
in the name of Jesus Christ." Work as to God!!!  
2. She told guard Angario: "I'm twice as willing to  
serve my loved ones are you are to make me."

SECRET: 3. If can't change situation, can change attitude  
toward it.

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V. THERE ARE RICH REWARDS FOR TWO-MILE MOTHERS.

- 1. Strength, honor and joy. Prov. 31:25.
- 2. Children rise up and call her blessed. 31:27-28.

III. Four children expressing love to mother.

First three stretched arms out "This much".  
 Four year old looked at tiny and short arms  
 and said, "Mommy, I love you more than this."  
Can't count, weigh or measure mine!!!!

Poem, a tribute to many Two-Mile mothers we know.

God made a wonderful mother,  
 A mother who never grows old;  
 He made her smile of the sunshine,  
 And moulded her heart of pure gold.  
 In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
 In her cheeks fair roses to see.  
 God made a wonderful mother,  
 And He gave that dear mother to me.  
 .....Pat O'Reilly.

- 3. Husband praises her in the gates. 31:28.
- 4. Works commend her to all. 31:29-31.

INV: <sup>for me</sup> Hard to think of word MOTHER without thinking also  
 of the word CHRISTIAN. (Cannot conceive of a  
2-mile mother other than dedicated Christian woman.)

Jesus calls all non-Christians to salvation today.  
 B-R-C-B

Jesus calls all delinquent disciples back to duty.  
 R-P

Jesus would recommend that all FOLLOWERS of His  
 work closely IN and FOR a local congregation.  
 Invited to identify RIGHT NOW.