

## **GOING AN EXTRA MILE (PART 1)**

**Philemon 1:21 (KJV)** "Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say."

If you want to be the best version of yourself, learn to do more than is required of you. Push yourself to do more. Push back boundaries and targets set for you. Break all the records previously set by you and even by others.

In the text above, Paul is saying to Philemon, I have this confidence in your obedience, I know you can do more than I say.... If you can do more than is required of you, you are special and you will be loved by everybody. Every leader, every manager wants to lead someone like that.

If you want to be special in life, anywhere you go, you must learn to do more than is required of you. There are three groups of people as far as this topic is concerned....

### **a) Strugglers**

A struggling person is the one who achieves below what is required. They never hit the target. These people even fail targets that they set for themselves, even if they set a target for prayer, they will still fail to beat their own target. They give themselves 3 days to fast and they fail it along the way. Such people will not prosper. If you cannot meet targets then you will not be liked anywhere you go even at work or church.

### **b) Ordinary People**

Most of us are in this category. Ordinary people are those who do what is required, they give what is required of them. You do not expect anything more or less from them. They are masters of basics. They will do their basics very well and give you what you want... These people will never challenge themselves to do what they do in a better way, to them what is important is, we have done it...

### **c) Special People**

These are the likes of Philemon who we are studying today. These people will give you more than you ask for. These people will add a little extra to what is expected of them. These people will always give you a surprise. Every company wants them, every leader wants them, every family wants them. They are the difference between growing and stagnant organisations.

If you want to be dear (loved) or special in your life, learn to do more than is required. Sometimes put an extra minute to your normal prayer time, sometimes put an extra R20 to your pledge. Just train yourself that you can do something special and unexpected.

No one is born like this. It comes from one's attitude. You can train yourself to be like this. You can always challenge yourself every day to do better than you did last time. Start with small things. Refuse to be ordinary or average. In whatever place you get to, create value, let them say this person brought something special to us....

Hallelujah !!

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## GOING AN EXTRA MILE (PART 2)

**Mathew 5:41 (NIV)** "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

We are discussing about going an extra mile, doing the unexpected in life, giving surprises in everything that you are called to do.

People who give an extra something are unique and interesting to work with. You can always look forward to their work. They always come up with something different.

Yesterday our key scripture was **Philemon 1:21 (KJV)** "Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say"

Philemon was known for doing more than he was asked for. What a beauty to work with such a person. I also like people who put an extra something to their work.

Cell leaders who do not go beyond the ordinary will eventually lose members. If you can be predictable, that you will start with some prayer and end with this, it can end up being monotonous and predictable. Generally, people do not enjoy things they are used to.

Praise and worship must always go an extra mile and put something new every day. It is not just about singing, it's about that 'extra thing' in your singing that keeps people guessing and expecting your singing.

I know you serve in the house, but your serving has become so predictably boring such that it is no longer a blessing to the people anymore. For you to remain relevant, add that extra thing...do a little bit more.

Do not just dress up, add that little extra to your old outfit, comb your hair differently, refuse to just do things ordinarily. It does not need to be new things but play around with the presentation until it is something almost different.

Never allow yourself to serve God without putting something extra to it, never! My team knows me. I do not want ordinary things. Even deco, set ups, projection etc, I want that extra thing, I want creativity...I do not want chero taita (as long as we do it). I have no place for chero ndaita in my life. I want to be better than yesterday; I want to better my best.

Talented people listen to me, talent can take you somewhere but what will sustain you there is an extra mile you are willing to put on top of your talent. Short term results may rely on talent but long-term ones need discipline and creativity.

Cell leaders ndapota zvangu (please) make sure no meetings are the same every week, every month and every year.... think about how you can do more than you have been doing. Learn to do something different from yesterday. That is why we sing new and different songs; it is because we do not want to be predicted....

I once joked and said," mukaramba muchiimba dzimwe nziyo muchapedzisira mobvumirwa nezvidhoma because dzanyanya kujairika" (Some songs are so common such that even goblins now know how to back them) ...

I will go an extra mile in my service to my God. Hallelujah!

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