

# Matthew 5:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him  
twain.

## Analysis

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Give to those who ask, and don't turn away borrowers. This radical generosity reflects God's character and Kingdom economics. It requires trust that God will provide for you as you provide for others. This isn't endorsing foolishness but cultivating a fundamentally generous heart.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern culture emphasized hospitality and lending without interest to fellow Israelites (Exodus 22:25). Jesus extends this generosity even to enemies. Early Christians were renowned for charity toward fellow believers and outsiders alike, attracting converts through radical sharing.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance wisdom about enabling harmful behavior with Jesus's call to radical generosity?

2. What fears about your own financial security prevent you from generous giving?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ὅστις	σε	ἀγγαρεύσει	μίλιον	ἕν,	ὑπάγε	μετ'
<b>And</b>	<b>whosoever</b>	<b>thee</b>	<b>shall compel</b>	<b>mile</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>go</b>	<b>with</b>
G2532	G3748	G4571	G29	G3400	G1520	G5217	G3326

αὐτοῦ	δύο
<b>him</b>	<b>twain</b>
G846	G1417

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