

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site. This letter was posted on December 6, 2010

Letter 20 We are not called to success but to faithfulness Luke 10: 20

How often do you evaluate your walk with God on the success that you see in your life; or the failure that you see in your life?

I'm learning to trust Him and follow Him instead of trying to impress Him. His will is accomplished in my life. His name is exalted in my life and His glory is magnified in my life. I want my life to show that I've given everything to God because He is fully trustworthy. Nothing under His control can ever be out of control, including me.

When the Lord sent out the disciples without Him the first time, they came back just hilarious over their success. "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through your Name." That was all they thought about. Jesus said to them "Don't rejoice in successful service, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. We are not called to success but to faithfulness.

Jesus asks us to be willing to go the second mile. It's never our duty to do it, if we make it our duty we have put ourselves back under bondage.

It is never our duty to go the second mile, or to turn the other cheek, but it is what we will do if we trust Him to do it through us.

How often I say I can't do that or I can't do this because I have my eyes on me instead of on Him. What a blessing it is when I thank God and step out in faith with Him.

A friend of mine called me one day and wanted me to answer a question for him. His son-in-law, whom he was meeting with in discipleship, had moved to another city and he asked a mutual friend of ours in that city if he would meet with his son-in-law. Several weeks later he called our friend and asked him how it was going. Our friend said he was still checking him out to see if he was a faithful man.

His question to me was ' how I see that'. I told him that I was taught that was the way to do it and for many years practiced it but for the last few years God has been showing me that making faithful men was His job not mine. My focus should be for me to be faithful and to trust God in my life and the life of a man I meet with.