(Ge 36:1-4; 22-24) "Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom...."

...this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father."

In the midst of 43 verses about the lineage of Esau, we find that Anah found the mules in the wilderness while he was feeding his fathers donkeys.

The other 42 verses give us only genealogical references.

- A. We learn only the names of most of the people in this list...
  - 1. We know little or nothing about the others...
    - > But we know that Anah found the mules.
  - 2. Anah did something that was worth recording in the precious word of God.
    - > Anah did something remarkable!
  - 3. Define: Remarkable.
    - > Something to talk about.
    - > Worthy of making a remark.
    - > Something worth noticing.
    - > Something worth recording!
  - 4. God chose not to tell us of the exploits of anybody else in this chapter...
    - > But he made mention of Anah doing something worth recording.
    - > The prophet chose to record in the Book of God the work of Anah.
- B. Most people live and die and never do anything of note.
  - 1. Some barely even make the genealogy list.
    - > More less someone writing about something they did.
  - 2. Have you ever done anything remarkable in your life?
    - > Old saying: "Nothing to write home about!"
    - > Nothing worthy of mentioning. Nothing worthy of making note of.
  - 3. Has there been anything worth writing home about?
    - > Have you done any thing remarkable in your life?

Doing Something Remarkable (Do Something Extra)

## I. Do Something Secretly.

#### A. Jesus said:

### 1. When Thou Prayest...

[Mt 6:5-6] "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues that they may be seen of men... But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, PRAY TO THY FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

> Assumption that you PRAY, "When thou prayest... DO IT IN SECRET!"

## 2. When ye fast...

[Mt 6:16-18] "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto THY FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

- > Don't walk around with a scour on your face...
- > But smile, be encouraged, and don't let on that you are fasting.

## 3. When thou givest...

[Mt 6:2-4] "Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

> Alms is giving to the poor; Giving to the needy.

## B. Do something without anyone knowing it was you...

- 1. Do something in secret.
  - > The flesh wants to get credit for these three things that Jesus mentioned.
  - > PRAYING, FASTING AND GIVING...
  - > So these are the very things you ought to be doing in secret.

### 2. When you do something that ONLY you and God know about...

> THAT'S SOMETHING GOD MAKES NOTE OF.

Do something remarkable; Do something in secret!

## II. Do Something Unprofitable.

#### A. Jesus said:

#### 1. If you love someone who loves you back that's not remarkable...

[Lk 6:32] "For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them."

- 2. If you do good to someone who will do good back to you, that's not remarkable...
  - [Lk 6:33] "And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same."
- 3. If you help someone hoping to receive a reward that's not remarkable...
  - [Lk 6:34] "And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again."
  - > Everybody does things to receive something in return...
- 4. If you want to do something remarkable, do something without profit!
  - [Lk. 6:35] "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, HOPING FOR NOTHING AGAIN; and your reward shall be great..."
- B. It isn't remarkable to do things so that you can be rewarded...
  - 1. It's remarkable to do things when you know you will not get anything in return.
    - > To help those that can never help you back.
  - 2. Jesus said, wicked people do things to get a reward.
    - > But the children of God are not like them...
    - > God's people are to do things without hoping for a reward.
    - > God's people are to do things that are remarkable!

Do something remarkable; Do something in secret! Do Something Unprofitable.

# III. Do Something for Someone You Hate.

- A. Jesus said:
  - 1. Love your enemies...
    - > Everybody loves their friends and family...
    - > But Jesus said, Love your enemies!
  - 2. Love your enemies...
    - "...bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you..."
    - > Love someone who is not worthy of your attention.
    - > Do good to someone you don't like!
- B. This is truly Remarkable...
  - 1. To do good to them that hate you...
    - > To do good to them that YOU HATE.
  - 2. Step out of your comfort zone and do something remarkable...
    - > Do something good for someone you have animosity toward.
    - > Right now, think about the person you would least likely want to do something nice for...
    - > Plan on doing something nice for them.

- 3. This cannot be in secret...
  - > You must sign your name to it, otherwise there is no discomfort in doing it.
  - > This is one thing that must be done openly.
  - > It must be known that you are doing this for someone who you are at odds with!

#### DO SOMETHING REMARKABLE; Do something in secret!

Do Something Unprofitable. Do Something for Someone You Hate...

## IV. Do Something Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

- A. Jesus said:
  - 1. [Mt 5:41] "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."
    - > If you are compelled to walk a mile, walk with him TWO miles.
  - 2. This is where we get the saying...
    - > "Going the extra mile!"
- B. Everyone is compelled to do their duty.
  - 1. Working your job; Going to school; Serving the Lord...
    - > We are all compelled to DO OUR DUTY!
  - 2. But a truly remarkable person goes above and beyond the call of duty.
    - > Be a remarkable person, do more than is required of you.
    - > GO THE EXTRA MILE.
  - 3. Its not remarkable to be an average person.
    - > The very idea of average is that your like everyone else.
    - > Its when you do more that average and become ab above average person that you become REMARKABLE!
    - > Don't be satisfied with average; Go The Extra Mile: BE REMARKABLE!
- V. Do MORE that Others (Matt. 5).
  - A. Everyone does what they HAVE to do...
    - 1. (Mt 5:43-47) "What do ye more than others?
      - > Notice how the Lord Jesus phrases the question...
      - > What are you doing that is remarkable?
    - 2. What are you doing that is above the average person?
      - > WHAT DO YE MORE THAN OTHERS?
      - > If your in a list of genealogical records... Will there be any exploits by you name?
      - > Have you ever done anything in your life that is more remarkable than the average person?

- B. Every Christian Has Some Ability to Serve God.
  - 1. [1 Cor. 12:7] "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN to profit withal."
    - [1 Cor. 12:11] "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to EVERY MAN severally as he will."
  - 2. EVERY Christian is given Spiritual Gifts with which to serve God.
    - > If your breathing, your still in God's service.
  - 3. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN (each of mankind women, etc...)
    - > The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man TO PROFIT WITHAL.
    - > (v. 11) "dividing to every man SEVERALLY as he will..."
  - 4. Every Christian has SEVERAL Spiritual gifts.
    - > You have what it takes to do what God wants YOU to do.
    - > "What do ye MORE than others?"

## VI. Three Remarkable Attitudes.

- A. Enthusiasm.
  - 1. En Full of; Theo God.
    - > Enthusiasm means to be full of God.
    - > Jesus was full of Zeal: EXCITEMENT, ENTHUSIASM!
  - 2. We must look for ways to make our work and service interesting.
    - > We must look for ways to keep the fires burning.
- B. Optimism.
  - 1. But, Caleb said, "Let us go up at once..."
    - > The majority was against him. Ten said, "It can't be done."
  - 2. But, he wouldn't settle for second best...
    - > He said, I believe God will give us the victory; Let us go up at once!
  - 3. When you see God in something, you can be optimistic.
    - > Caleb saw God in it, and said, "Let us go up at once, for we be able to take the land."

### C. Commitment.

- 1. The things of God are worth fighting for.
  - > ...worth giving your life for.
- 2. Anyone can start a work...
  - > Only a remarkable man can stay with one to the very end.
- 3. Find something remarkable to do, and get committed to doing it.
  - > And don't quit until you have dona a remarkable job of it.
  - > Get your name written in the genealogies with your remarkable acts next to it.

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