“What Do Ye More Than Others?”
Matthew 5:38-48 (text. v. 47)

In this arresting question Jesus contrasts the principles of His Kingdom to the philosophy of the world. Christ expects us to be different and better than the world.

If you only help those who help you… If you just do things for people who do things for you… If you only love those who love you, you are no better than they are.

I. The EXPECTATION in the question.
   A. The CONVICTION of the question.
   B. The CONSIDERATION of the question. 1 Samuel 12:24—“Fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with ALL your heart: for CONSIDER HOW GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE FOR YOU.” When you CONSIDER how great things the Lord has done for you, it should motivate you to do more than others.

II. The EXAMPLES that answer the question.
Examples of false zeal—Deceived people do extraordinary things because of misplaced devotion. Their dedication to a false cause often puts Christians, who know the truth, to shame.

III. The EXCUSES for avoiding the question.
We can all come up with excuses for why we don't do more than others (Luke 14:18). We try to excuse ourselves by comparing ourselves with someone who is not doing as much as we are. But other Christians are not our standard. We should be comparing ourselves to Jesus Christ and then realize how we should do more.

SUMMATION: “What do YE MORE than others?” What difference has Christ made in your life and what you do for Him? What distinguishes your behavior from that of your unsaved neighbor or unsaved co-worker?

What do ye more than others in your prayers?
What do ye more than others in your witnessing?
What do ye more than others in your Bible Study?
What do ye more than others in your sacrificial giving?
God help us to do more than others for Jesus, who has done so much for us!
Characteristics To Cultivate

1. The humility to blame yourself.
2. A purpose to finish the job.
3. The grace to deflect praise to others.
4. A spirit of generosity.
5. An ability to say, “no.”
6. An attitude of gratitude.
7. A determination to take care of little things.
8. A resolve to do right at all times.
9. Do your best at what you dislike the most.
10. A tenacity to keep getting up and keep pressing on.