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"WHAT DO YE MORE THAN OTHERS?" <sup>mt. 5:48</sup>  
THE TEST OF CHRISTIAN <sup>NATURALITY</sup> PERFECTION <sup>v. 48</sup>

I. Toward Man - Superior obligations of Christians.

- I. Do you love more than others? <sup>v. 44-46</sup>  
A. Christian <sup>maturity</sup> ~~perfection~~ is <sup>maturity</sup> ~~perfection~~ in love.  
B. Do you speak only to your friends?  
C. " " <sup>sacrifice</sup> ~~for yourself~~?  
D. " " <sup>love</sup> ~~those that love you~~?  
II. Do you go the second mile? <sup>v. 41 - perfect attitude</sup>  
A. Old law - an eye for an eye  
B. New law - <sup>evil</sup> ~~evil~~ <sup>not evil</sup> - (Exhorts)  
C. Turn the other cheek.  
III. Do you control your communication? <sup>v. 37</sup>  
A. Swear not at all <sup>have even a</sup> ~~at all~~  
B. Conservative speech  
IV. Do you control your desires? <sup>v. 18</sup>  
A. Old law - not commit adultery  
B. New law - not look with <sup>adulterous</sup> ~~adulterous~~ <sup>desire</sup> ~~desire~~  
C. Better to live maimed here than be cast whole into hell  
D. Violation of the single & only <sup>scriptural</sup> ~~scriptural~~ <sup>ground</sup> ~~ground~~ for divorce is adultery.  
E. The Holy Spirit should control the believer's desires.  
V. Do you control your temper? <sup>v. 22</sup>  
A. Old law: - murder brings judgment.  
B. New law - anger brings judgment.  
C. Reconciliation with a brother precedes bringing a gift to the altar.  
II. Toward God  
VI. Does your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees? <sup>v. 20</sup>  
A. What was their righteousness like?  
1. Regular attendance at worship and prayer  
2. Faithful Scripture study  
3. Tithing  
4. Strict obedience to God's law  
B. Does your righteousness exceed theirs?

Conclusion: <sup>maturity</sup> Perfection should be the aim & goal of the Christian.

# I. What Christians have more than others.

1. Fellowship with God
2. Peace with God
3. Fellowship with God
4. Help of the Holy Spirit
5. Prospect of glorious future
6. Therefore, they have greater responsibility

## II. matters in which we may naturally look for Christians to do more than others.

1. To set a more godly example in conduct
2. a more exact performance of God's will
3. to excel in gentleness, purity, truthfulness, forbearance, kindness.

## III. For whom can Christians do more than others?

1. more for themselves
2. for their families
3. " " neighbors
4. " " country
- ~~5. " " church~~
5. for the world

## IV. Reasons for excelling others

1. By our fruits we are known
2. Works are to be revealed at the last day.
3. By them the mouths of critics are stopped
4. By them God is glorified

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