

"The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (Matt. 23:2-4).

The scribes and Pharisees must have been **good managers** by today's standards. They gave orders for everyone else, but did not feel the need to practice the same thing because, after all, they were busy managing! You see the same thing in government, in business, and in the church today. Our elected officials want to do away with everyone's health insurance, retirement benefits, etc., but they have a different plan from the peons. Business managers expect everyone to jump when they bark the orders, but the worst managers have never done the work they expect of others. They do not know what they are asking. We have brethren in the church who constantly harp about our need to "*do more*," but like the scribes and Pharisees, they will not move them with one of their fingers themselves! **Beware of these people, brethren!**

Do we need to **do more** in the realm of evangelism, edification and benevolence? Certainly there is no end to the work and many have sacrificed greatly to help the Cause of Christ. But the **biggest** complainers are often the **least** workers, and they are not helping matters. Those who are working have the least amount of time to complain, so if you are one of those who thinks we should "*do more*," then please step forward and start **doing something!** You do not need a "church program" to invite five people you know to a Gospel Meeting, or neighbors to a home Bible study. You do not need an invitation to visit the sick, downtrodden, or lonely. You just need a heart that truly cares and the time to do it. Be sure you are **doing something yourself** before you complaint that the church needs to do more!

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