

All The Best

I. Biblical Examples

People usually know difference
in good, better, and best

Best fruits

11 And their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds...” – Gn.43.

Best land

18 “Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land”
– Gn.45.

Best for Israel

¹² “All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the Lord, I have given them to you”

– Num.18.

Only the best will do

29 “Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?” – 1 Sm.2.

Best for themselves

6 “Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph” – Amos 6.

Best places / seats

6 “They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues” – Mt.23.

Mk.23:39

Lk.11:43

Lk.14:7-8

Lk.20:46

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II. The Best Results

Giving the Lord our best . . .

1. Best for the Christian – Mt.26:6-13

- Give Lord our best, 6-7 (based on gratitude)
- Give Lord our best even if it requires sacrifice, 7. 2 Co.8.
- Put Lord above everyone / everything else, 9. Col.1:18. 2 Sm.24:24.
- Give best for His approval alone, 10.
- Exalt Lord to first place, 11. Mt.6:33.
- Remember this woman; He will, 13.

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2. Best for the children – Tit.2:3-5

▪ Mom and dad... Ruth

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1. Older women teach what is good. 2 T.1; 3.

2. Admonish, train young women.

3. Homemakers [house + work]

- ◆ Busy at home, carrying out household duties – BDAG.
- ◆ One who takes care of the home, homemaker ... 'good homemakers' – L-N.
- ◆ House steward – L-S.
- ◆ Caring for the house, working at home – Th.
- ◆ Working at home – ESV...

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1 Tim.5:13-14 – do not roam or gossip,
but guide the house ... rule, manage

‘...honor of a Christian is bound up with the faithful discharge by Christians of the simple domestic duties of life’ – Hervey

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 - Dt.6:4-9
 - Ec.12:1
 - Pr.7:11 . . . 31:10-31

¹One reason she is so busy: child training.

²Honored by those who know her best.

U.S. society:
be liberated...

- ▶ Wrong focus in life
- ▶ Worldly success;
spiritual failure

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3. Best for the church – 1 Co.12:31

Does not authorize...

1. **Ignorance**, but knowledge, 1-2.

2. **Dominance**, but service, 4.

3. **All the same**, but different talents, 7-11.

1 Co.1:10... 12:14...28-31.

4. **Settling for 'least I can do but still saved,'**
31.

But these things are about giving, not receiving

35 “I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” – Acts 20

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet’”
– Lk.15