

Is God Getting Your Best?



Being Your Best

This series of bible lessons is about making strides in your life. No matter how good you might have it, conventional wisdom says that you probably want something more...something better. In order to achieve something greater for your life, you will need the help of God. In His Word, the Lord gives us instructions about how important it is for us to **give Him our best** if we expect to receive His help in achieving something better for ourselves.

*Lord, I'm Giving You **the Best**
That I Got...*

Isn't He worthy of your best?

He Gave Us His Best

- John 3: 16-17
 - God gave us His best by giving us His son, Jesus
 - How BIG was His sacrifice for us?
 - Could the Lord have given us anything more or better?
 - **Have you given your best to God?** Have you come close to giving Him your best? If not, why? What's holding you back from giving your all to Him?

He Expects Our Best

Able gives his best and Cain withholds his best from God

- Genesis 4: 1-7
 - Able gives the Lord his best. He cheerfully gives the Lord “fat portions”. Cain gives an offering to the Lord, but it feels like he’s withholding something and doesn’t want to give the best he has to the Lord.
 - We talk about giving the Lord our best in terms of tithes and offerings. **What are some of the other ways that we can give him our best?**
 - Is the Lord getting your “fat portions” or are you withholding something from Him?
 - ***Are you giving him the best that you got?***

Some ways that we can give God our best...

- Communicate with Him through prayer more
- Study His Word consistently
- Attend Church regularly
- Work in the Church
- Help others who are in need
- Try to avoid sin
- Tithe appropriately. Give back some of what God has given to you
- Do what the Lord would have you to do
- Spread His Word to others

When We Don't Give God Our Best, We Block Our Blessings

- Haggai 1: 1-11
 - The Lord reminds His people to “give careful thought to your ways”.
 - What does Verse 9 mean when the Lord says, *“What you brought home, I blew away.”*
 - *Even when He blesses us, if we don't give Him our best, He has the power to take away that which He has given us*

Our leftovers to the Lord?

- ***The major message here seems to be that we should give to Him first and then to ourselves.***
Verse 4 says, Is it time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house (His house) remains a ruin...
- *We see a similar theme when Cain seems to give the fat portions to himself...and the leftovers to the Lord.*
- *We never want to give our leftover time, energy, money or attention to the Lord. He deserves to be first in our lives.*

Life Lesson:
If we want God to help us
become better, we must begin to
do better by Him.

***When we withhold our best from Him,
He might respond in withholding His
best from us.***

*In His Word, He says:
Therefore, because of you **the heavens**
have withheld their dew and the earth its
crops. I called for a drought...*

In your quest to get something better for your life, focus on God. When we do right by Him, the Bible tells us that rewards us by giving us blessings.

Psalm 37:4