

TALK IT OVER

Good or Best?

BOTTOM LINE

Good is often the enemy of best.

CONVERSATION STARTER

In your opinion, what fast food place makes the best chicken sandwich?
The best burger?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [In All Things, God Works](#) by Louie Giglio: How God works in adversity (42 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:37-39 NIV

Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:32 NIV

“The good enemy Jesus identifies is our affections. We develop affections because they satisfy our desires.” – Dave VanDonge

“The great enemy of the life of faith in God is not sin, but the good which is not good enough. The good is always the enemy of the best.”
– Oswald Chambers

“I went back to church thinking that it would be like an epidural ... that church would make the pain go away. Faith and church was not an epidural for me at all; it was like a midwife who stood next to me saying, ‘Push. It’s supposed to hurt a little bit.’” – Brene Brown

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What do you suppose was the crowd’s and the disciples’ reaction when they heard Jesus’ words recorded in Matthew 10:37-39? What is yours? What does He mean? “Acknowledge me” the way Jesus said it doesn’t simply mean recognize Him. What does it mean to acknowledge Him as He requires? We develop affections to satisfy our desires. They can make us feel good but interfere with what’s best. Peace and fulfillment are our two core desires. How have you allowed your affections in those areas to lead you away from what is best? How do you see it happening in culture? Discuss how God keeps working with us to move us from good to best. How does God’s Word do that? Adversity interrupts our desires and refines our affections. How have you experienced adversity moving you to “best”? How might God be doing that now? Discuss the impact of the cross that God has brought into your life? What is the number one affection vying for God’s best for you?

ACTION STEP

I want God’s best. I will truly and fully acknowledge Jesus and trust Him to meet my needs for peace and fulfillment. This is my daily pursuit:
