

25 Ways to Win with People, Lesson #10

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These kind of questions (except with more Bible verses!) are available every week for you to use during your Bible study time. Lessons correspond with three of Lifeway's series. I have been doing this for years and more than 2000 lesson are available with new ones added each week. See www.joshhunt.com/sunday-school.htm for details.

Review

- What have you learned so far? What have you been able to apply so far?

Offer your very best

1. On page 68 Les Parrott tells a couple of stories of John giving others the better view at the table. What are some Bible verses that this behavior illustrates?¹
2. What are the benefits of honoring others above yourself?
3. What keeps us from honoring others above our selves?²
4. What about a verse on this chapter's theme: offering your best to others—can you think of some verses that speak to that?³
5. Who have you known that was a real example to you in demonstrating excellence?
6. What does excellence mean for a teacher or small group leader?⁴
7. What keeps us from excellence?
8. What are the benefits to us if we pursue excellence?
9. How do we achieve excellence—is trying really hard enough?⁵
10. Can the pursuit of excellence be overdone?
11. How do we know how high of a bar to set? How do we know how much excellence to pursue in any given situation?

¹Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil 2:3-4 (NIV)

Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10 (NIV)

²We believe the view will give us more joy than giving the view to others. The Bible teaches it is more blessed to give than to receive.

³Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand in the presence of kings. He will not stand in the presence of unknown men. Prov 22:29 (HCSB)

Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won't need to compare himself with someone else. Gal 6:4 (TLB)

⁴It includes good teaching, but is not limited to good teaching. It includes good people skills and good organizational skills.

⁵It really helps if we have someone evaluate us.

12. How do we know where to pursue excellence and in what areas good enough is good enough?
13. Thinking back of a life of attending Sunday School and small groups, how many teachers would you say did not even come close to pursuing excellence?⁶
14. What do you want to apply from this week's study?
15. How can we pray for one another this week?

⁶My research indicates about a third.