## unQualified Pt. 5: Knowing And Doing God's Will For Your Life!

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Judges 6:36, Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have promised— 37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You said." 38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. 39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew." 40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew."

#### God's Will Is NOT HIDDEN

**1 Timothy 2:3**, This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

God's Will Is Personal, Practical & <u>PROFITABLE</u>
1 Peter 4:10, Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Galatians 6:9, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

### **Concise Statement On Knowing And Doing God's Will:**

 Where There Is A Command-Obey! Where There Is No Command-Use Biblical Principles And Wisdom, Then Operate In Your Christian Freedom. When You Have

# Acted According To Biblical Principles, Wisdom And In Your Freedom—TRUST GOD!

Judges 6:14, The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" 15 "Pardon me, my Lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." 16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites..." 23 But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."

#### **Putting These Principles Into Practice-Gideon's Example:**

#### 1) Make The Necessary Changes In Your Own LIFE

Judges 6:25, That same night the Lord said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. 26 Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God...

#### 2) Surround Yourself With The Right Kind Of PEOPLE

Judges 7:2, The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against Me, 'My own strength has saved me.' 3 Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

### 3) Look For Confirming Signs You Are Still In GOD'S WILL

Judges 7:13, Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream... A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed." 14 His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

# 4) Constantly Communicate Your Purpose, Take Action And Then <u>LEAD OTHERS TO VICTORY</u>

Judges 7:15, When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands." 16 Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he

placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside. 17 "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do.

### Questions To Help You Put This Message Into Practice:

- What Changes Do I/We Need To Make To Spend More Of Our Time, Energy And Resources Serving God?
- What Do I/We Know God Wants Us To Do?
- Who Are The Right & Wrong People I/We Are Surrounded By?
- What Excuses Do I/We Make To Not Do God's Will?
- Who Am I/We Leading To Victory?

#### **Next Steps:**

- Throughout the "unQualified" series, our students will be hearing the same message in Student Worship. If you are a parent of a teenager, this will be a great opportunity for a good discussion with your teen following each message.
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