

A Vision for Growth

Judges 6:11 – 40

1. Gideon you will defeat Midian as one man. Vs. 11-16, 14, 16
 - a. You haven't been helping us. Vs. 13
 - b. I can't because I am the smallest of the small of the small. Vs. 15
2. Gideon wanted a sign that God was talking with him. Vs. 17
 - a. He prepared a meal. Vs. 18-19
 - b. He offered it and the angel burned it and ascended with the smoke. Vs. 20-21
 - c. Gideon acknowledged God properly.
3. Gideon tear down your father's idol. Vs. 25-27
 - a. First Step Toward Growth
 - b. Get rid of what is between you and God.
4. Gideon gained a reputation as the "Idol Slayer" vs. 28-32
5. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon vs. 34
6. Gideon called others to meet with him vs. 35
 - a. He is finally ready for an addition of people to what God has called him.
 - b. His growth is no more just personal but corporate.
7. Gideon and the fleece. Vs. 36-40
 - a. Dew on the fleece only and ground dry.
 - b. Dew on the ground the fleece be dry.

A Pattern for Growth – from Gideon

1. God speaks to us.
 - a. Romans 10:17
 - b. The vision can be known when we acknowledge God speaking.
 - c. He will never tell us something that contradicts with His Word.
2. Growth can begin when we tear down our idols.
 - a. Heb 12:1
 - b. We cannot grow when we have idols.
 - c. Sometimes we have to break the generational sin.
3. The spirit of the Lord will empower us.
 - a. The tearing down of the idols has to be our initiative.
 - b. God will empower.
 - c. Ac 1:8
 - d. Ro 15:13
 - e. 1Co 2:4
 - f. 1Co 2:5
4. We join with others.
 - a. There will be a teaming up that takes place.
 - b. Victory will be shared and the ideals of it distributed.
 - c. Gideon has not taken his people into battle but he is victorious.
 - d. He doesn't keep this to himself a revival of depending on God spreads throughout all of Mannasseh.
 - e. People make preparations to meet with Gideon.
 - f. Word spreads to the surrounding areas and people want to unite under Gideon's vision.
5. God continually confirms His leading.
 - a. God shares with us what we need to know.
 - b. Tearing down the idols is just the beginning.
 - c. Gideon has only just begun leading Israel toward God's vision.
 - d. God is only giving it to him in chunks.
 - e. Gideon has to grow in order to accept each part.
 - f. So Gideon carefully confirms God's leading.