

1. Don't practice _____. (vv. 22-23)

The problem is, God had saved the kingdom, and Gideon _____ it.

Gideon, to his credit, immediately _____ to become king and refused to let his son do so.

His failure to correct them, in spite of his words, is tacit _____ of their belief that it was Gideon who had saved them.

Gideon is being _____.

Such hypocrisy is alive and well in the church _____, though more subtly.

2. Don't allow _____ in your life. (vv. 24-27)

He seems to be setting himself up not only as _____, but as a _____ also.

But the question is, _____ would they be worshipping?

When two different religions are mixed and combined, it's called syncretism. And this has been Israel's tendency since the death of _____.

Syncretism is also a danger for Christians _____.

In an attempt to appeal more to the secular mind, churches and denominations have been changing the _____ for generations.

There is only one Gospel and there is only one Bible. We must _____ allow any change to the truth.

3. Don't waste _____ to do good. (vv. 28-32)

But Gideon's story is not like the other judges. It is far _____.

Gideon, champion of Yahweh against Baal, _____ over national apostasy toward Baal.

But Gideon is now ruling Israel, in the name of Yahweh and using a fake ephod for divination, while really serving _____ in his pagan sexual practices that only debase men and women.

Gideon missed a great opportunity to bring _____ and perhaps _____ to Israel.

But instead of using the occasion for God's glory, he used it for his own _____ and the nation eventually lapsed into sin once again, and worse than before.

Our opportunity to be active in reconciling the world to Christ, one life at a time, is nearly _____, I think.

Our marriages and our children are opportunities to give God what He is looking for, _____.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 13, 2019

Getting to Know Me

- How are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? Why?

- There are about 350 days left of 2019. What would you like to have done (or not done) by 2020?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- A hypocrite isn't just someone who says they want to do something and doesn't or can't follow through. We all do that because we'll never be perfect. What does Jesus say a hypocrite is? See Matt. 23:13-33.

- Syncretism was a problem even in the 1st Century church. What were the main two syncretistic errors that the early church dealt with? See Acts 15:1-12; Col.2:8-9. How did the early church deal with them? See Acts 15:13-21; 1 John 4:1-3.

- How does the Bible say we should deal with the opportunities to do good that God gives to us? See Eph. 5:15-21.

Application

- What opportunities have you let slip by? What might you do to correct that?

- What can you give glory to God for right now that He has done in your life that some people might think you did in your own strength?