



## THE TEMPTATIONS OF GIDEON'S FINAL DAYS

Judges 8:22-35

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. HE FACED SECULAR TEMPTATION - v. 22-23

A. There Is A Request – v. 22

The word “rule” has to idea of “dominion”.

B. There Is A Refusal – v. 23

*“Pride goes before destruction,  
and a haughty spirit before a fall”*

Proverbs 16:18

#### II. HE FACED SPIRITUAL TEMPTATION - v. 24-27

A. There Is A Request – v. 24

B. There Is A Response – v. 25-26

C. There Were Results – v. 27

D. There Were Reasons

Before you act on the latest “*good idea*”; ask yourself a few important questions.

- How will this affect my life?
- How will this affect the lives of others?
- Will others be hurt by this idea?
- Will people be left out by this idea?
- Does what I am thinking of doing honor God?
- Does what I am thinking of doing display true Christlikeness?
- Does what I am doing allow me to do what Jesus in Matt 22:37-40?
- How will this idea affect my church?
- How will this idea affect the impression the community has concerning my church?
- How will this idea affect my testimony?
- How will this idea affect how people feel about the Lord Jesus Christ?

### **III. HE FACED SOCIAL TEMPTATION - v. 28-35**

A. Gideon Was A Celebrity

B. Gideon Was A Compromiser – v. 30-32

C. Gideon Was A Casualty