



Don't Let Your Blessing  
Become  
a Curse

## Judges 8.22-27 (NLT)

“Then the Israelites said to Gideon, ‘Be our ruler! You and your son and your grandson will be our rulers, for you have rescued us from Midian.’”

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“But Gideon replied, ‘I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The LORD will rule over you! However, I do have one request—that each of you give me an earring from the

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plunder you collected from your fallen enemies.' (The enemies, being Ishmaelites, all wore gold earrings.)”

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“Gladly!” they replied. They spread out a cloak, and each one threw in a gold earring he had gathered from the plunder. The weight of the gold earrings was 43 pounds.

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Gideon made a sacred ephod from the gold and put it in Ophrah, his hometown. But soon all the **Israelites prostituted themselves by worshiping it,**

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and it became a trap for Gideon and his family.”

## 1 Corinthians 4.7

“What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?”



## Romans 2.4 (ESV)

“Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**”

## 1 John 5.21 (NLT)

“Dear children, **keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.**”