



Answer Key

Characteristics of Gideon – Older students

Here is a list of all the ways Gideon did right by God – write a sentence for each “right” characteristic describing why Gideon did right.

Humble - Gideon was not the boastful type. He described himself as the least important member of the weakest clan in Manasseh **Judges 6:15**

Gentle - By complimenting the Ephraimites, rather than justifying himself, Gideon avoided a potentially volatile situation. Gideon’s action exemplifies the wise saying: “A gentle answer turns away wrath” (Proverbs 15:1). **Judges 8:2-3**

Put God First - Gideon’s acknowledgment of God as the true king of Israel, though the people wanted to make Gideon their king, Gideon refused, reminding them that God was their true king. **Judges 8:22-23**

Stood up against idolatry – tore down dad’s false god altar **Judges 6:29**

Offered sacrifices/worship to God - wanted to offer to God **Judges 6:19**

Built an altar - worshipped God **Judges 6:24**

Obedied the Word of the Lord - By following God he was able to lead the people to victory **Judges 6:27**

Trusted God – went to battle with only 300 men **Judges 7:1-8**

Faithful – was considered faithful for he went to fight even though he knew he was weak – but with God he could be victorious **Hebrews 11:30-34**

Ways Gideon did wrong by God – write a sentence for each “wrong” characteristic describing why Gideon did wrong.

Led others away from God - Out of the gold earrings that were plundered he made an ephod (a priests garment) that should have only been worn by the Levites – and people worshipped it becoming yet another false thing to idolize or worship. **Judges 8:27**

Weak Faith - at times Gideon was weak and needed to ask God repeatedly for signs of encouragement. **Judges 6:39**

Tested God – even though God had sent an angel that consumed the offering of his young goat, and made the fleece wet and the ground dry – Gideon wanted another sign. **Judges 6:39**