

Title: "The Checklist"

Text: Judges 6:25-35

Target: THE CHECKLIST has become the gauge of whether or not we hit the target, thus causing us to place THE CHECKLIST into every sector of our lives, but there is one CHECKLIST missing from most of our lives and that is in our relationship with God. Today's message will help us do exactly that!!!

☐ **TRUE ALLEGIANCE:**

- ✓ **RELEASE YOUR ITINERARIES:** *"that night"* (Vs. 25)
- ✓ **REGARD HIM AS IMPORTANT:** *"the Lord said to him"* (Vs. 25)
- ✓ **RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTION:** *"take your..."* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Take Down:** *"altar of Baal that your father has"* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Cut Down:** *"the Asherah that is beside it"* (Vs. 25)
 - ❖ **Build up:** *"an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here"* (Vs. 26)
 - ❖ **Light up:** *"burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down"* (Vs. 26)

☐ **TIMELY OBEDIENCE:**

- ✓ **Accepts Responsibility:** *"took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him"* (Vs. 27)
- ✓ **Always Costly:** *"he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night"* (Vs. 27)
- ✓ **Awakens Bravery:** *"And they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?"* (Vs. 29)
 - ❖ **Relationship Restored:** *"But Joash said to all who stood against him"* (Vs. 31)
 - ❖ **Religion Rejected:** *"let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down"* (Vs. 31)
 - ❖ **Reputation Received:** *"Gideon was called Jerubbaal... "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar"* (Vs. 32)

☐ **TOTAL DEPENDENCE:**

- ✓ **Never Outnumbered:** *"the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel"* (Vs. 33)
- ✓ **Never Outmatched:** *"But the Spirit of the LORD"* (Vs. 34)
 - ❖ **Holy Spirit Power:** *"clothed Gideon"* (Vs. 34)
 - ❖ **Holy Spirit Perspective:** *"sounded the trumpet"* (Vs. 34)

Takeaway: The feeling of accomplishment is an emotional response caused by the completion of an assignment. Creating a sense of identity that is interwoven into what

we do and how we do it. Therefore, since our identity is “IN CHRIST” begin with a check in the mirror before you begin a checklist for the day.

- I. Clear Instructions:
 - a. Take
 - b. Pull
 - c. Cut
 - d. Build

*Joel 2: Tear down build up!

II. Costly