

Fleece Throwing and the Will of God

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I. Introduction.

A. It is dangerous to flip a coin to find God's will, but one way some have resorted to is "throwing out a fleece," which is a reference to Gideon's activity.

B. Text: Judges 6.

C. There was a cycle of sin, judgment, repentance and deliverance during the time of Judges.

II. The problem with fleece throwing.

A. We know a lot that Gideon did not know, but God had already made Himself clear. Gideon doubted what God had said with the fleece throwing.

B. Throwing a fleece is an incident in Scripture, but it is not a principle for finding the will of God.

C. Throwing out a fleece is an indication of immaturity in the Christian life.

D. We do not have to plead with God about the will of God, and we cannot put God in a box.

E. Gideon did not have the indwelling Spirit to determine God's will.

III. How to discern God's will.

A. Clean your heart by getting into God's Word. (I John 5)

B. The peace of Christ is to rule as empire in our hearts. (Colossians 3:15)

C. If you are still in turmoil about something, do not proceed.

D. Sin always clouds the mind.

E. Each individual will know how the Spirit brings peace to a person's life.

Application questions:

1. Why is "throwing a fleece" dangerous?

2. How would you counsel someone to discern God's will in a specific situation?

3. Why is seeking a clean heart a critical step in discerning God's will? Explain.
