

10 ways NOT to start a church, but that God can overcome even if you do

1. Start in a difficult location. [Judges 6:14]

God told Gideon, "Am I not sending you?"

2. Start with no leadership ability. [6:14]

God told Gideon, "Go in the strength you have."

3. Start with doubt. [6:18]

God told Gideon, "I will wait [for you]."

4. Start with fear. [6:23]

God told Gideon, "Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."

5. Start without people's approval. [6:26]

God told Gideon to tear down his father's altar

6. Start by questioning your calling. [6:36]

God patiently assured Gideon

7. Start with no core group. [7:2]

God told Gideon, "You have too many men."

8. Start with people who don't stay. [7:3]

God told Gideon, "Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back."

9. Start with no resources. [7:16]

God told Gideon to fight with trumpets and empty jars.

10. Start with inexperienced people. [7:17]

Gideon told them, "Follow my lead... do exactly as I do."

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