

mighty. I believe that it is vital that we judge ourselves about these things. That it is vital if we are to be received of God, that we examine our hearts whether we are truly loving the brethren, whether we are putting all ..... out of our heart, whether we are ~~seeking~~ seeking to ~~fix~~ follow God's righteous law to the very utmost, whether we are putting Christ first in all things. I think it is very vital that we search our hearts, but I think that it is important that we ~~gi~~ go slowly in our judgment of others, and particularly in our criticism of those whom God may raise up to lead His people in times of great crisis, or to whom God may give special gifts for ~~special~~ special situations.

There were probably people in Israel who got much more blessing through other people in some ways than ..... $11\frac{1}{2}$ ....., much more blessing. But if Gideon had not led out against the Midianites, these people would have been crushed, and their ..... $11\frac{1}{2}$ .....absolutely nothing. These people may receive great praise from God in heaven. They may deserve much good in the days to come from Him, and will receive it. But God mentions Gideon in the heroes of the faith. And this statement, Curse ye ... $11\frac{3}{4}$ ... how far does the curse go? Well, we must go slow about it. We don't know. But I wish I had an hour right now to tell you something of ~~the~~ the life of Richard Baxter. And that's why I brought the Encyclopedia Britannica here. I don't dare take more than three or four minutes. But Baxter is a most interesting character. If we are to serve God with all our hearts and put Him first, and walk close to the Lord, it would be hard to find a better example than Richard Baxter, the great English puritan divine. Richard Baxter, who in the time of the Long Parliament, went out to the town of Ketterminster, of which the Enc. Britt. says, it was a town that had become famous for its ignorance and depravity. He went out to that town and they had a ..... $12\frac{1}{2}$ .....who was doing nothing to ~~help~~ help the people, and they made an arrangement ~~whereby~~ whereby the vicar would get the regular income of the parish, 200 pounds, but out of it 60 pounds would be taken to give to a preacher in ~~the~~ hopes of helping the place. And the people selected Richard Baxter, and asked him to