

The Leftovers

In the story of Judges 7:5-8, Gideon counted these men, and found that there were only three hundred of them, while all the rest bowed down on their faces to drink. The difference between them was that the three hundred were earnest men, of one purpose; not turning aside from their aim even to drink, as the others did. Then, too, they were watchful men, always ready to meet their enemies.

So Gideon, at God's command, sent back to the camp on Mount Gilboa all the rest of his army, nearly ten thousand men, keeping with himself only his little band of three hundred.

These 300 men were the Leftovers from an original army of 32,000 men. Men want to have a big army of soldiers to fight battles, but if God is doing the fighting, then 300 is more than enough.