



Truth vs. Lies  
A Battle for Your Heart

Dictionary Definition of Rebellion: "to renounce Authority; to go against the authority or rules."

Whether you are conscious of it or not, there is a battle raging for your heart. This battle has been on-going since the first human beings existed on this planet. Satan rebelled against God and immediately recruited other angels and man to rebel alongside him. He renounced God's authority and he wants you to do the same. Satan wants you to rebel against authority.

According to a Barna study:

- 61 % of today's young adults who were regular church attendees are now "Spiritually Disengaged."
- Only 20 % of those who were spiritually active during high school are maintaining a similar level of commitment.

#### Signs of Rebellion

1. Little Communication
2. Limited interest in spiritual things.
3. Low Feelings
4. Lousy Friends
5. Liberal Impurity
6. Lack of gratefulness
7. Loaded Questioning

These symptoms were evident in the life of King Saul. In 1 Samuel 15, Saul had just disobeyed a very clear command from God, and verse 23 says, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

Rebellion is like witchcraft. A very important lesson can be learned from this comparison and Scriptures' teaching about rebellion.

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I. All rebellion is not identical. (Luke 15)

- A. Outward rebellion- The Prodigal son.
- B. Inward rebellion- The Prodigal son's brother.

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Rebellion is Believing a lie. (1 Samuel 15:1-22)

Satan rebelled when he believed the lie that he was like God. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

When do we rebel?

- A. We rebel when we believe the lie that authority over us is bad for us.
- B. We rebel when we are confronted with our sin and believe the lie that we have done nothing wrong.

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Rebellion against authority is ultimately against God. (Romans 13:1-2)

- A. God appointed all authorities into your life. (vs. 1)
- B. God will punish those who resist authority (rebellion). (vs. 2)

IV. All Rebellion is Correctable. (1 Peter 2:13-25)

- A. For the believer, rebellion is conquerable.
  1. The Lord commands you to simply obey. (vss. 13, 18)
    - He commands you to obey good leadership. (vs. 18)
    - He commands you to obey imperfect leadership. (vs. 18)
  2. The Lord calls you to follow Christ's example. (21-25)
- B. For the unbeliever, Rebellion is forgivable.

Jesus Christ is the Only Way!

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