

REBELLION

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"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

I Sam. 15:23

Rebellion is one of the most dangerous attitudes among the people of our nation today. Politics is full of it, and homes are hurt by it, while personal character is ruined by this careless attitude to what is right. Without rules and laws anarchy will always result. It begins with the first "no" your kid utters, and prevails in every age today. It shows up in five areas. **(1). Towards Parents:** *"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord"* Col. 3:20. Rebellion against ones parents is strongly warned against in the Bible. Heartaches galore destroy the peace of a family if children are not taught to obey. Rebellion among the children and teens of today should raise warning for our future adult generation. Our jails are filled with drug and crime related problems that usually started in the home. Dear parents, one of the greatest things you can teach your children is to obey. And kids, you must obey them, love them, learn from them, please them, and fulfill their dreams for you. **(2). Towards School:** *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."* Heb. 13:17. Dear young friends, going to school is not a sentence, but it is a necessary step for success for the rest of your days. Learning to do your best in studies will help you do your best in life. Every class will have an effect on your future. You will get out of school what you put into it. A good slogan to remember is, "It's a sin to do less than your best!" If you are a Christian you

need to excel in your classes, and be a testimony before others. Obedience will have a strong effect on your future and all you do for the Lord in your lifetime. School is a vital part of preparation for your adult life. A great student can become a great citizen in our nation. **(3). Towards Government:** *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be that are ordained of God: Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation"* Rom. 13:1&2. Scripture is very clear that a Christian should be a law abiding citizen. We are not to deliberately break the laws of our land. We may not agree with all that is decreed, but if it is not clearly against our Biblical principles we should live in obedience. Even if we protest something, we must remember our faith will be judged by our actions. We certainly should be thankful for our founding fathers, and the effective machinery of government they set up. With all the problems we may see, our nation still has the best society in which to live. **(4). Towards Church;** *"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth"* I Tim. 3:15. The word church appears 111 times in the Bible. Seven of these times it refers to the whole bride of Christ. while the rest refers to local congregations. The Bible places clear emphasis on faithful membership and attendance at a church. Furthermore, not just any church, but one true to the Word of God. First in importance is the saving of your soul by accepting Christ as Saviour. Baptism by emersion should follow and then joining a good fundamental, Gospel preaching church, followed by loyalty to its meetings. Only hurt can result from not uniting with other believers and growing together to be like Christ. If you honestly love the Lord you should be in church every time the doors are open. Failure to do so

will make you a disobedient believer, and stunt your spiritual growth for life. Put your church first is a very good motto for every believer to follow. America's freedoms depend very much on its attitude toward our places of worship Do not fail in honoring your church with first place in your family life, while you grow and mature in it's Biblical teaching. Be sure to obey the spiritual disciplines taught, and love the pastor who feeds you with the truth. By your tithe and other gifts support the ministry of your church, and be an active member in every area of service it provides. It is a sad thing to see that every denomination today is losing numbers. Do not allow rebellion for any reason to keep you from faithfully attending your church. **(5). Towards God:** In Jer. 7:23 God commands "*Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.*" All of history demonstrates the importance of obedience to God. Nation after nation has risen to power, but fallen to dust as they have not given God proper place. America stands today because of its founding on Christian principles. This has made us a strong, free nation, where we can worship as we please. You and I as God's children must not fall into disobedience in any way. Personal obedience is the key to daily happiness and victory in every area of our lives. It is so easy to become a backslider and fall back in our daily walk with God. You will never prosper in life in any lasting way, if you are guilty of rebellion. How tragic to see millions in our world turn their backs on everything that is Holy. We pledge allegiance to our flag and this is right. How much more however, does mankind need to pledge allegiance to our creator God. He always knows what is best, and we must live in Holy awe and reverence a life that pleases Him. One day in eternity we will each stand before Him for reward or to suffer loss. Never use His name in profanity, as many do today. He

controls every breath we take and directs every step. Never be guilty of rebellion against your Creator, the one who wants to bless you in everything. God wishes for every generation" *"that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God."* Psa. 78: 7&8. History traces the nations and generations of man. All show times of tragedy and some were destroyed by rebellion. God has much more to say about rebellion. Here are more verses for you to study.

Isa. 30:9- He speaks of lying & disobedience.

Jer. 7:23- God calls it revolting.

Isa. 65:2- It is not good & provokes Him.

Deut. 9:7- Our rebellion is against Him.

Isa. 30:1- It is called rejecting counsel.

Isa. 30:1- Further called a false covering.

Isa. 30:1- It adds sin to sin.

Psa. 66:7- Rebellion called self exalting.

Psm. 68:6- Unsatisfying like dry land.

I hope I have helped you to see the seriousness of rebellion. In Deuteronomy 21:18-21 the Word reads "*If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them; Then shall his father and mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of the city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*" So dear friend, you can see the seriousness of rebellion in the eyes of God. I urge you to confess it and to walk in obedience to the Lord.