

"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." 1 Samuel 15:23 KJV

Choosing desire over obedience is rebellion. *"There shall not be found among you any...witch, or a charmer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."* Rebels are idolatrous, because carnal desire is their god! *"For many...are the enemies of the Cross of Christ: Whose...god is their belly, [desires] and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."* Believers who indulge desire with worldly standards and activities are idolators. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by The Mercies of God, that ye present your bodies A Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable Unto God, which is your REASONABLE service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing OF YOUR MIND, that ye may prove What Is That Good, And Acceptable, And Perfect, Will of God."* God Calls denying carnal desire a "reasonable service." Transformation originates in *"the renewing of your mind."* It's what you think about that makes you rebellious or obedient. You think about what you see and hear and only you decide what that is. *"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of Life."* TV's, stereos, and radios can be turned off and people and places can be avoided. If work vexes your soul, spend more time in reading and meditation to counter its fiery darts or find another job. My son reads his Bible on break at work and it is a puzzle to management. Most action is habitual, formed by repetition. Want to break a bad habit? Do something good in its place until the good becomes a habit. Acts are the result of our personal choices of thought. You stop thinking one thing when you think of another. To rid yourself of sinful thoughts, replace them with meditation of God's Word. *"Thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to All That Is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* God's Word Is The Measure of success and failure. It Details the consequence of actions and Instructs us how to avoid bad ones. *"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee. Let This Mind be in you..."* Thoughts determine success by prompting deeds and deeds reveal your heart!



Determined faithful diligence,
Will surely know Omnipotence,
Will spend each day upon the sod,
Communing with Jehovah God! –CGP

We may not equate carnal desire with witchcraft, but God does! That extra helping, the "good" movie, that doughnut, the fast food joint, that witty retort, the sports team, that TV show, choosing anger and bitterness over forgiveness and Peace, and any one of a myriad of other things that tempt your heart and mind with sin; are the reasons you don't know the Power and *"Joy unspeakable"* of the Almighty. *"Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Be angry and sin not."* Bitterness doesn't affect your persecutor – only you and those who love you. *"Follow Peace with all men, and Holiness... lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."* When the Holy Spirit Prompts you to read your Bible, and you switch on the TV instead, because you don't "feel" like it: that's rebellion. What did God Prompt you to do today that you didn't?

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy Sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer." Psalms 19:14 KJV