

The Making of a Rebel Heart
The Heart of a King – Part 8
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What the Bible says about rebellion:

1 Samuel 15:23 (NLT)

Five Steps that lead to rebellion:

A. A passive and indulgent parent.

2 Samuel 13:1-2 & 6 (NLT)

1. David did not recognize what was happening in his household.

2 Samuel 13:7; 10-14 & 21 (NLT)

2. David was angry but did nothing.
3. A conscience needs to be trained to think biblically.

B. Rebellion takes root with suppressed anger.

2 Samuel 13:20-22 (NLT)

1. Absalom is angry, but he is not talking to David or Amnon about it.
2. Absalom makes no attempt to resolve the situation.

C. Anger if unresolved grows over time.

Matthew 5:21-22a (NLT)

1. Absalom ran from the conflict.

2 Samuel 13:37b-39 (NLT)

2. Who is responsible to take the first step toward reconciliation?
3. Rules without relationship = Rebellion.
4. Rebellion grows in isolation.

2 Samuel 14:23-24 & 28 (NLT)

2 Samuel 14:33 (NLT)

5. You can love your children and have very little influence in their lives.

D. Rebellion is obsessed with outward image.

2 Samuel 18:18 (NLT)

2. Samuel 14:25-26 (NLT)

2 Samuel 15:1 (NLT)

1. Was Absalom seeking affirmation.
2. If image becomes your obsession then pride controls your direction.
3. Rebellion grows as it undermines authority

2 Samuel 15:2-3 (NLT)

- i. David is not doing his job...but I'm here for **you**.

2 Samuel 15:4-6 (NLT)

4. Rebellion is eventually about control.

2 Samuel 15:7-8 (NLT)

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

Next Steps Today I am:

1. Stepping into a faith relationship with Jesus
2. Asking God to help me let go of past hurts
3. Asking God to help me with priority time for my family
4. Asking God for His affirmation in my life