

Why do some people reject the Truth?

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” – Matthew 12:30



From today's gospel

“Either make the tree good
and its fruit good, or else make
the tree bad and its fruit bad;
for a tree is known by its fruit...
A good man out of the good
treasure of his heart brings
forth good things, and an evil
man out of the evil treasure
brings forth evil things.”
(Matt. 12:33,35)

1. They
make
tolerance
an idol

The ultimate virtue is
tolerance and
acceptance

The issue is about
WHO determines what
is right and wrong

2. Rebellion

- “Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.” (Dan. 8:12)

2. Rebellion

- Psalm 11 (Agpeya)
- “Save me O Lord, for the godly one has ceased; and the truths have diminished from the children of men. Every one has spoken vanities to his friend. Deceiving lips are in their hearts, and thus they have spoken with their hearts. The Lord shall wipe out every deceiving lip, and every tongue that speaks great words; those who have said, “We will magnify our tongues; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?” (Ps. 11:1-4)



2. Rebellion

- Samuel the Prophet and King Saul
- So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."
(1 Sam. 15:22-23)

3. Inconvenience

The absolute Truth can sometimes get in the way of what people want to do with their lives.



4. The desire for control

- They do not want God or anyone else in charge of their life
- “For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.” (2 Tim. 3:6-9)

5. Satan is the ruler of this world

- “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.” (Jn. 14:30)
- “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.” (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
- “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matt. 7:13-14)



6. Money and Wealth

7. The desire
for
immediate
gratification

