



“Reject it or Accept It?”

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I. **James 4:6-7**

A. The Age of Conformity and Acceptance of lies from the enemy.

1. We live in a negative believing society; people base their belief on what they see, hear, and feel. They hear something negative...they believe it, repeat it, and act upon it.
2. Things have become so negative, that the true believer, the real Christian is fulfilling the scripture, “*Because iniquity abounds, the love of many will grow cold.*” And... “*He that endures to the end shall be saved.*” What is happening? Satan is raising up more lies, more deceit, more corruption to try to keep you, the believer (singular) and the church (as a corporate powerhouse), from fulfilling the God-given purpose that is in your heart. If Satan can move you to “accept” his ideas, his lies...he has you right where he wants you!
3. You are either rejecting or accepting what the enemy has to offer...and on the flip side, you are either rejecting or accepting what God has to offer as well!

B. **Resist**

1. ***Anthistemi (Greek) To Stand Against; Oppose, Withstand***
2. How do you resist Satan? By speaking the word in the name of Jesus (which is the offensive weapon within your armor – sword of the spirit).
3. ***Ephesians 6:10-13*** – Notice the word withstand in vs. 13 (same word as resist).

II. **Romans 12:1-2**

A. **Conformed or Transformed? (Reject the enemy & accept the anointing)**

1. ***Conformed – To fashion alike; to conform to the same pattern***
2. ***Transformed – Change, transfigured***
3. Reality check: You are either thinking like God thinks or like the devil. It’s your choice which seeds you allow to be planted in your heart! (***Prov 4:23***).

B. The Reprobate and Delusional Minds – the present-day Sodom & Gomorrah

1. ***Romans 1:28-32***
2. ***II Thess. 2:11***

C. Standing on truth and rebuking the lies

1. *You need to realize this first:* very few people find the truth and when they find it, there are fewer that actually accept it. Do you know why I am telling you this truth? So you won’t be surprised and offended at others who do not accept the way you believe. The path will be narrow and at times it will appear to be vacant, the road less travelled indeed. But if you stay the

course, it is this path that holds the keys to life that will most certainly make you free! This is why Jesus said, "Wipe off the dust of your feet..."

2. *Then the second thing is to realize that Satan will do anything to water down and conform your faith in God! **II Peter 2:7-8** "Lot was vexed with the FILTHY CONVERSATION of the wicked...in seeing and hearing, he vexed (was tormented and tortured) every day with other people's ungodly deeds."*
3. Our minds need to open up to more: We have accepted things that we should not have accepted and we have rejected things that were freely given.
4. When Jesus rebuked the fever on Peter's mother-in-law, he saw it as an intruder, a lie from the enemy that had no right to be in her body. In the story in Luke 13, when Jesus was approached by a woman who had been physically bound in her spine for 18 years, He made this strong proclamation (**Luke 13:16**): "And ought not this woman whom SATAN HATH BOUND..." If it is binding you, causing you affliction or pain, causing you mental anguish and despair....it is from Satan. Stop accepting it and REJECT IT NOW! I have taught you how...the Word, the Name, the Sword of the Spirit. Speak to it and command it to go! And you cannot rebuke something silently in your heart. Speak with conviction and authority against anything that challenges the truth in your life.
5. *Are your feelings telling you the truth? Is your doctor? Is the media? Is your mother or father...or BFF? (have you noticed that...it's the people closest to you that are the ones that you have to guard against the most).*