

Series: SETTLED LIVING IN UNSETTLED TIMES

#9: Rebellion in the Family, part 2

Numbers 16-17

In times of safety and prosperity, we walk the road of life easily. But in unsettled times, such as the times we now live in, epic temptations waylay us--temptations to live a life without direction, gratitude, humility, and faith. Last week and today, we visit rebellion from both sides, leader and rebel. Recent episodes:

<u>Text</u>	<u>Danger</u>	<u>Solution</u>
13:1-14:9	Fear	Courage: Stand against the majority.
13-14	Unbelief	Faith: Seize the opportunity!
15:22-41 and this morning ...	Forgetting	Memory: Remind yourself daily.
16-17	Rebellion	Submission: Honor God's appointed authorities.

1. We mature Christians are not immune to the "swine flu" of rebellion. 1-3
 - a) It's the feeling *I'm as _____ as he is; why should he lord it over me?*
 - b) It's the attempt to "_____" (*laqah*) what God has not given me (1, 2, 7).

2. Mature Christians may _____ good, sound reasons for rebellion with reasons that just sound good. 4-7
 - a) We say *you go too far!* But it's we who go too far. 3, 7
 - b) We say *enough is enough!* But enough isn't enough for us. 3, 8, 13

3. When we feel like _____ against our God-placed authorities, we should check our motives. 8-11
 - a) *Am I ungrateful for the privileges God has given me?* 9-10a
 - b) *Do I envy the prominence God has given another?* 10b
 - c) *Am I guilty of grumbling?* (murmur: unbelief) 11
 - d) *Could my quarrel actually be with God, not man?* 11

4. Rebellion leads us to behaviors that are way over the _____. 12-15
 - a) We refuse to obey the most simple directives. 12
 - b) We twist the truth to fit our tale of injustice. 13
 - c) We engage in personal attack and ridicule. 14
 - d) We rise up in mutiny. 15

5. We should *be afraid, be very afraid* of how God reacts when we attack the authorities he has placed over us. 18-35
 - a) Decide to *take* what he hasn't given, and he will never let you have it.
 - b) Demand to *lead* the people, and he will cast you out of them. 3, 33
 - c) March up front and light your own *fire*, and he will burn you. 18, 35
 - d) *Rise up* in mutiny, and he will send you down, down, down. 2, 30-33