

The Battle Between Disobedience and Obedience

Ephesians 6:12 — “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood... but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Principles of Disobedience (from the Powers of Darkness)

1. Self-Will Over God’s Will

“You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend...’” — *Isaiah 14:13–14*

“Each of us has turned to our own way.” — *Isaiah 53:6*

2. Pride as the Root of Rebellion

“Pride goes before destruction.” — *Proverbs 16:18*

3. Doubt of God’s Word

“Did God really say...?” — *Genesis 3:1*

“He is a liar and the father of lies.” — *John 8:44*

4. Desire for Independence from God

“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.” — *Romans 1:25*

5. Love of Pleasure Over Holiness

“Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” — *2 Timothy 3:2–4*

6. Compromise Instead of Conviction

“No one can serve two masters.” — *Matthew 6:24*

Principles of Obedience (from the Spirit of God)

1. Surrender to God’s Will

“Not my will, but yours be done.” — *Luke 22:42*

“Trust in the Lord... and He will make your paths straight.” — *Proverbs 3:5–6*

2. Humility Before God

“He guides the humble in what is right.” — *Psalms 25:9*

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” — *James 4:10*

3. Faith in God’s Word

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” — *Luke 11:28*

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” — *Hebrews 11:6*

4. Dependence on God’s Authority

“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” — *John 8:36*

“Submit yourselves, then, to God.” — *James 4:7*

5. Pursuit of Holiness

“Be holy, because I am holy.” — *1 Peter 1:16*

“Blessed are the pure in heart.” — *Matthew 5:8*

6. Conviction Rooted in Truth

“Be steadfast, immovable.” — *1 Corinthians 15:58*

“We must obey God rather than men.” — *Acts 5:29*

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7. Rebellion Disguised as Freedom

“They promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of depravity.” — 2 Peter 2:19

8. Disbelief and Hardening of Heart

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.” — 2 Corinthians 4:4

9. Idolatry and Self-Exaltation

“They set up idols in their hearts.” — Ezekiel 14:3

10. Deception That Calls Evil Good

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.” — Isaiah 5:20

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7. Freedom Through Obedience

“The perfect law gives freedom... they will be blessed.” — James 1:25
“His commands are not burdensome.” — 1 John 5:3

8. Softness of Heart and Repentance

“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” — Hebrews 3:15
“Create in me a pure heart, O God.” — Psalm 51:10

9. Worship of God Alone

“Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.” — Matthew 4:10
“You shall have no other gods before Me.” — Exodus 20:3

10. Discernment and Love for Truth

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” — Romans 12:21
“Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.” — John 17:17

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