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## I. A Balanced Look At Rejection

A. **John 15:17-25** – Sometimes people reject us without a cause.

1. Rejection is emotionally painful, and we usually work hard trying to avoid it.
2. We want to be well thought of, well spoken of.
3. Have a good reputation.
4. Be accepted, approved, included, applauded, etc.

B. What is hate?

1. *Hate (Vines/Greek) - Malicious and unjustifiable feelings towards others, whether towards the innocent or by mutual animosity; relative preference for one thing over another, by way of expressing either aversion from, or disregard for, [a thing or individual].*

Example: **John 12:25** – Whoever hates, has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever.

2. **Matthew 10:22-23** – When people come against you, just keep on keeping on!
3. WE MUST HAVE A PERSEVERING SPIRIT!

See **Psalms 51:10** – A right spirit perseveres.

**Many are being totally or partially defeated  
and held back due to how people feel about them.  
IT IS TIME TO GET BEYOND IT!**

4. **Luke 6:22-23** – Leap for joy when you are excluded.
- C. PUSH AND PRESS - Sometimes we have to push past feelings, especially the feelings of rejection.
  1. Paul said he “pressed on.”
- D. The balanced view is: “I desire acceptance; but if I do not get it, I am not going to allow it to devastate me and keep me out of the will of God.”

## II. The Results Of Rejection

- A. Insecurity – “A psychological disturbance of epidemic proportion.”
  1. Insecure (definition) – Unstable, uncertain, lacking confidence, unsure, shaky, unsound, fearful, and indecisive.

**THIS IS EXACTLY THE WAY SATAN  
DESIRES GOD’S CHILDREN TO BE.**

- B. **Isaiah 53:3** – Jesus was despised and rejected.
  1. Rejected as the Messiah
  2. Rejected by family members (his own brothers)  
  
Consider Joseph and David also.
  3. Rejected by the religious leaders of His day – Scribes, Pharisees, Saducees, and Chief Priest
  4. Rejected by government authorities – Herod, Pilot, etc.

5. Rejected by His own race (the Jews) – they requested that a known murderer (Barabbas) be released instead of Him.
  6. Rejected by His own disciples at a crucial moment in His life – the Crucifixion
- C. None of it prevented Jesus from doing what He was sent to do.
- D. Jesus was not insecure because of it!
1. **John 13:3** – Jesus knew who He was, where He came from, and where He was going.

### III. Roots And Fruits

- A. Many are rooted in rejection.
- B. Causes for rejection:
1. Unwanted conception
  2. Contemplated or attempted abortion
  3. Parents wanted a boy, but got a girl (or vice versa).
  4. Child born with defects (learning or physical)
  5. Adoption, abandonment (death of a parent)
  6. Abuse (physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, withholding love)
  7. Peer rejection – children can be very cruel
  8. Marriage rejection, broken engagement, no dates, not many friends
  9. Rejection-based parents (poor role models)

10. Turmoil within the home that caused the child to feel alone or unloved
- C. People get rooted wrong and need to be uprooted and replanted. They need to get established in new soil that will nourish them properly.
1. **Isaiah 61:1-3** – The planting of the Lord.
  2. We are planted in Christ Jesus.
  3. **Colossians 2:7, 3:14** – Be rooted in Him and in His love.

**Be FIRMLY ROOTED, not loosely planted with no roots.**

- D. Neither the storms of life nor people's opinions will greatly move us, when we are truly ROOTED in Him and His love.
1. Scriptures on not being moved:  
**Psalm 21:7; 46:1-5; 55:22-23; 62:6** and **Acts 20:19-24**
- E. **Romans 11:17** – Grafted in to share the richness and sap of the olive tree.
1. Jesus is the tree of life; I am the wild olive shoot, the branch that was dying on the ground. He picked me up, **CHOSE ME**, grafted me in, and He is healing me.

#### **IV. Go To The Comforter**

- A. **John 15:25-27** – God will send the Comforter to testify regarding us, and He will also give right relationships when we cease being disturbed about those who reject us.
- B. **John 16:1-4** – Jesus foretells about rejection so people will remember His words and not fall away.
- C. Jesus offers security and unconditional love.

1. Secure (defined) – Having full command, to be strong, rule without anxiety, free from care.
  2. Ephesians 1:4-5 – He chose us and adopted us.
  3. John 3:18 – There is no rejection in Him.
- D. Luke 10:16 – He who rejects you, rejects Me.

#### V. **Rejection Comes To Torment And Prevent.**

- A. John 12:42-43 – They did not go on with God because they loved the approval of man.
- B. Galatians 1:10 – Paul said he would not be an apostle if he had been seeking popularity.
- C. Philippians 2:5-7 – Jesus made Himself of no reputation.
- D. I Samuel: Chapter 13 – Saul disobeyed God and was rejected from being king, due to being overly concerned about losing the people.





