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HOW TO LEAVE BIBLICAL IMPRINTS INSTEAD OF BITTER SCARS (PART 3)

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously... Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king. **1 Peter 2:17 (NLT)** 

- 1. Treat all people with honor and respect. Respect everyone...
- 2. Honor all authority. *... and respect the king.*
- 3. Love "the family of believers" above all else. ...and love the family of believers...
- 4. Place God and His values first in all aspects of my life. Fear God...

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign (have dominion) ..." Genesis 1:1, 26 (NLT)

*Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.* **Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)** 

How do I fear (revere, respect, and bring honor to) God amid a political season?

A. Seek to keep God and His ways first in all my choices and behaviors.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously... Matthew 6:33 (NLT) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek **His will** in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)** 

Then God gave the people all these instructions: "I am the Lord your God... You must not have any other god but me." **Exod. 20:1-3 (NLT)** 

- B. Choose what <u>God</u> values over what <u>man</u> (government/culture) values.
- The sanctity and dignity of <u>every life</u>. (Psalms 139:13-19, 1 John 1:9) https://www.openbible.info/topics/sanctity\_of\_life https://www.openbible.info/topics/shedding\_innocent\_blood
- The respect of <u>authority</u>. (Romans 13:1, Matthew 28:18) https://www.openbible.info/topics/authority
- The respect of and for God's design for the <u>family</u>. (Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:25-33) https://www.openbible.info/topics/family https://www.openbible.info/topics/sexuality
- The reliance on <u>God</u> over man-made <u>governments</u>. (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12) https://www.openbible.info/topics/dependence\_on\_government

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

**Going deeper on your own:** Review 1 Peter 2:17 and notice the three words (respect, love, and fear) used to describe how we should treat others. Why do you think Peter used these specific words? Can you see a progression in importance? Why do you think that is? Pastor Jay said, "It was never God's intent that there would be a separation of church and state." Do you agree or disagree? Have you ever considered that God's original plan was to lead and govern His people through governmental leaders? Now recognizing not all leaders are followers of Christ, how can you *honor* and *respect* God with your vote? As you head to the polls, pray, and ask God to lead you to make the best choice to keep Him in the rightful place in our lives and the nation.