1 Peter 2:13-17
Bondslaves

of God

Suffering Grace Glory 1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Grace

Glory belongs to King Jesus. (See 1 Peter 4:11)
The Spirit of glory and of God rests on us. (See 1 Peter 4:14)
We can be partakers of His glory. (See 1 Peter 5:1)
His eternal glory is in Christ and involves suffering. (5:10)

Church (Body/Family/Army) Defined:

1 Thessalonians 1:4 Brethren beloved by God...

Philippians 1:27

...striving together for the faith

of the gospel

Together with Christ and with one another becoming worshipers, servants and witnesses of the risen King.

Living Sent — Joined Together — In Christ & Under the Word

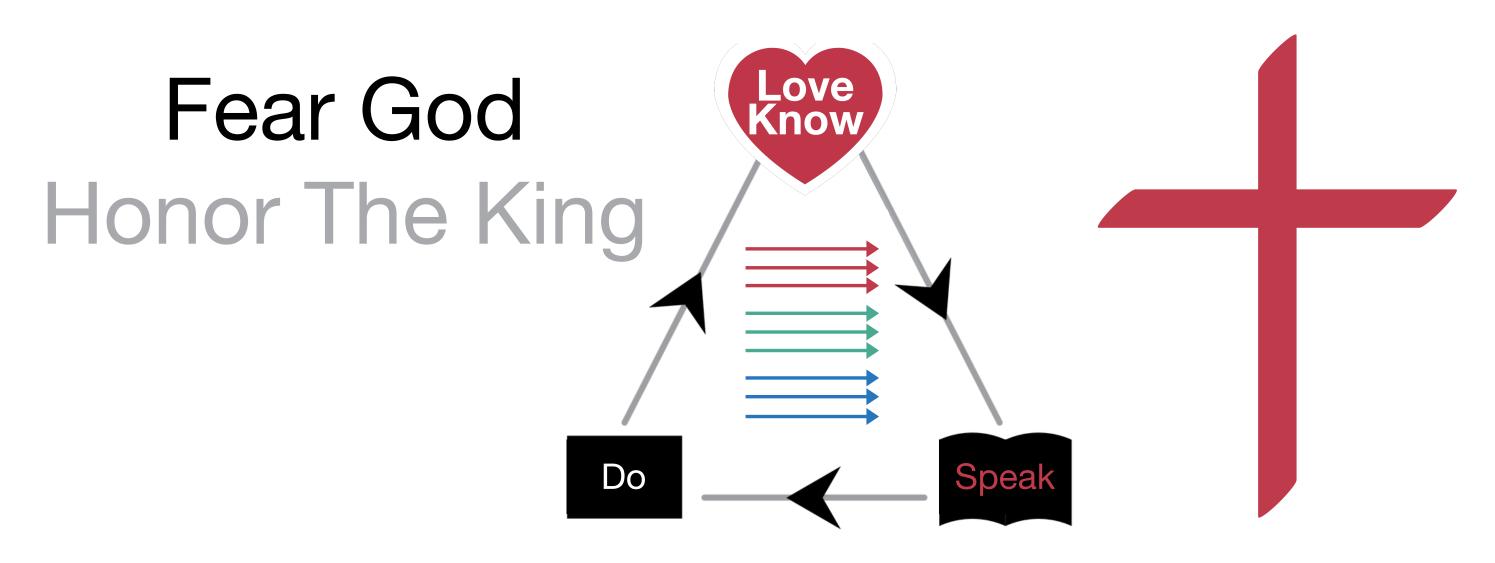
- 1 Peter 1:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- "Beloved: God has a specific love for a specific people because of a specific relationship." Jonathan Kyle
- "The love of Christ is not only the foundation for our personal hope, but our incarnation of that love is our only hope for being effective for Christ with others." Tripp
- "We were created to live for God's glory." Tripp

1 Peter 1:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

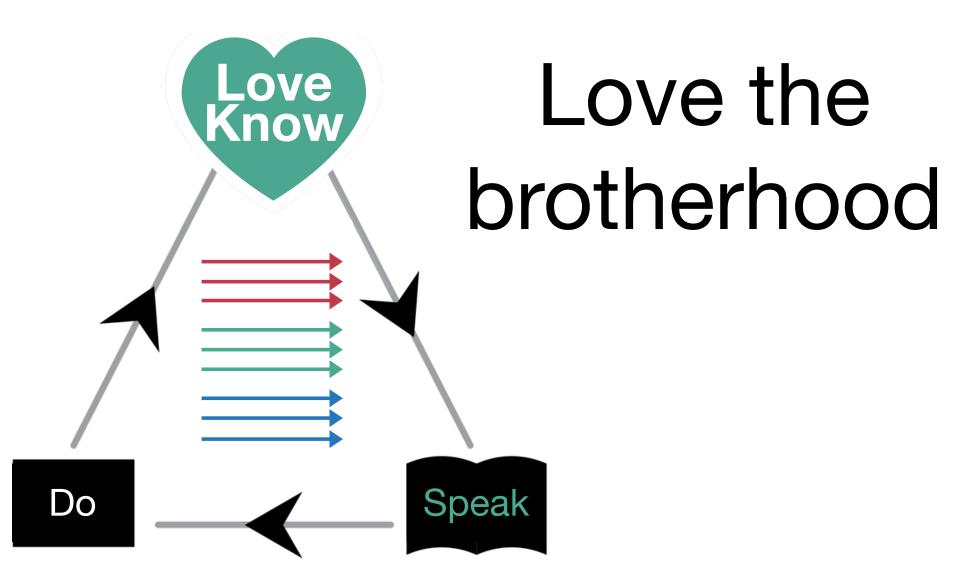
- Submit yourself fully in loving service to The King.
- Do everything for God's glory (for the Lord's sake).
- "As His church, we have a responsibility to humanity to be God's letter of love." Jason Dukes Live Sent
- This does not mean that we agree with and go along with everything government does or mandates.

- 1 Peter 1:15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.
 16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.
- It is always God's will for His people to be right with Him first and foremost.
- Secondarily, doing right is the way we love people.
- The resurrected Jesus restored us to new life for God's glory and purposes. We are free to love.
- "We represent God to the people He places in our lives."

1 Peter 1:17
Honor all people,
love the brotherhood,
fear God,
honor the king.







Honor all people
Honor the king

God
Man

Jesus

Surrender

Do

Speak

Practical Application & Action Steps:

- 1. Pray for our president, congress & the supreme court.
- 2. Pray that the laws in our country would be for good.
- 3. Pray for leaders in other countries and that the laws in their countries would be for good.
- 4. Don't rebel against all authority. There is a place for authority especially if authority is not abused.
- 5. Be salt & light for the kingdom as you live & relate.