

- (59) Honor refers to the respect due to the sovereign who is divinely permitted to hold the office and sit on the throne that represents the leadership of a national entity.
- (60) There are passages of Scripture that provide additional impact to this verb in the light of the Christian citizen of a nation:

**Romans 13:1** - All people, subordinate yourselves to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except delegated from the source of God, and those which do exist have been instituted by God.

**v.2** - In fact, they who oppose such authority resists the ordinance of God and those who resist will incur judgment.

**v. 3** - For government authorities are not a cause for fear for good conduct but for evil. Do you desire not to fear the authority? Keep on producing good conduct and you will have recognition for it.

**v. 4** - For he who has authority is a minister from God to you for the purpose of good conduct. But if you do evil, keep on being afraid. For he, the authority, does not wear the sword for nothing [ **for the enforcement of the law** ]. For you see, he is a minister of God for the purpose of divine wrath to him who practices evil.

**v. 5** - Therefore, for this reason, it is necessary to be in subjection, not because of the punishment but also because of your conscience.

**v. 6** - For this reason also, keep on paying taxes, for they are the civil servants of God devoted to the task of serving.

**v. 7** - Therefore, discharge your obligation to everyone what is owed: taxes to whom taxes are due [ **income: Amendment XVI, social security** ], revenue to whom revenue is due [ **sales, property** ], respect to whom respect is due [ **see verse 4** ], honor to whom honor [ **those in duly appointed positions of authority** ]. (EXT)

**Titus 3:1** - Remind them [ **Cretans; Titus was pastor at the church on the island of Crete** ] to be obedient to national leaders and other authorities, to be ready for every good work. (EXT)

(61) The Lord applied these principles during the time of His encounters with Roman authority:

**Luke 20:22** - “Is it lawful for us [ **scribes and chief priests** ] to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

**v. 23** - But He, having perceived their deceit, said to them,

**v. 24** - “Show Me a denarius [ **the principle silver coin of the Roman Empire** ]. Whose likeness and inscription are on it?” They said, “Caesar’s.”

**v. 25** - And He said to them, “Render to Caesar those things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (EXT)

**Matthew 26:51** - One of those with Jesus [ **Peter** ] grabbed his sword, drew it, and struck a soldier [ **Malchus** ], a slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

**v. 52** - Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place! For all who take hold of the sword [ **to commit violent crime** ] shall die by the sword [ **capital punishment** ].

**v. 53** - “Or do you, Peter, think that I cannot call on My Father, and He will send Me more than twelve legions [ **72,000** ] of angels?”

**v. 54** - “How then would the Scripture be fulfilled that say it is necessary for it to happen this way?”

**John 19:10** - So Pilate said to Him [ **Jesus** ], “Do You refuse to speak to me?” Do You not know that I have the authority to release You and the authority to crucify You?”

**v. 11** - Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, except it had been given to you from above. Because of this, the one [ **Caiaphas, the high priest** ] who delivered me over to you is guilty of the greater sin.” (EXT)

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## Principles of the Restraining Ministry of the Holy Spirit

1. The Church Age is the dispensation that encompasses the intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict.
2. At Pentecost, every believer was indwelt by and filled with the Holy Spirit. Loss of the latter through sin is restored by confession alone to God alone.
3. No other dispensations provide these two categories of power to the believer. Since every believer is indwelt by the Trinity, Lucifer is faced with overwhelming opposition compared to other dispensations.
4. Filled with the Spirit, the believer is isolated from the tests and challenges that typify the devil's world.
5. The status of the Spirit-filled believer is also known as "status-quo spirituality," "life inside the bubble," "the divine power system," or "the divine dynasphere."
6. These terms define the environment of soul that is completely free of sin, human good, evil, and the various categories of cosmic propaganda.
7. Although challenged by each of these assaults on the soul, the believer is empowered to resist them by the Holy Spirit.
8. When submission to temptation occurs, spirituality is restored by confession of sins to the Father.
9. The ability to withstand temptations increases with the inculcation and retention of biblical truths.
10. We have defined retention of a principle as a "wheel-track of righteousness," a memory trace in the brain where data is stored for recall and application.
11. Continued study of the Word records multiple principles as spiritual growth advances.

12. When incoming principles are in common with a given doctrinal concept, the resultant linkage is defined as an “association.”
13. As spiritual growth continues to advance, the new information enlarges a specific doctrine so that the multiple wheel-tracks linkup into what we define as a “constellation.”
14. There are eleven categories of knowledge found in Scripture which are referred to as “systematic theology.”
15. As one’s spiritual growth continues all eleven coalesce into a tapestry of biblical truth that characterizes the believer’s doctrinal inventory.
16. The more spiritually advanced a believer becomes the more restraint he has on the Dark Side’s impact on himself as well as society.
17. The progress here described is accomplished by the filling, teaching, recall, and application ministries of the Holy Spirit.
18. PRINCIPLE: A believer cannot apply what he does not know. The more he knows the more he can apply. The more he applies the more restraint he has on Dark Side propaganda.
19. Consequently, during the Church Age, the primary goal of believers is to become an effective combatant in the Angelic Conflict.
20. Their advance in the Invisible War may be characterized by the Greek military formation called the phalanx (Gk: **φάλαγξ (phálagx)**):

In military science, a tactical formation consisting of a block of heavily armed infantry standing shoulder to shoulder in files several ranks deep. Fully developed by the ancient Greeks, it survived in modified form into the gunpowder era and is viewed today as the beginning of European military development.

The ancient Sumerian army fielded a standard six-man-deep phalanx; the first line went into battle carrying large, rectangular shields, and the troops bore heavy pikes and battle axes. During the 7th century BC the Greek city-states adopted a phalanx eight men deep.