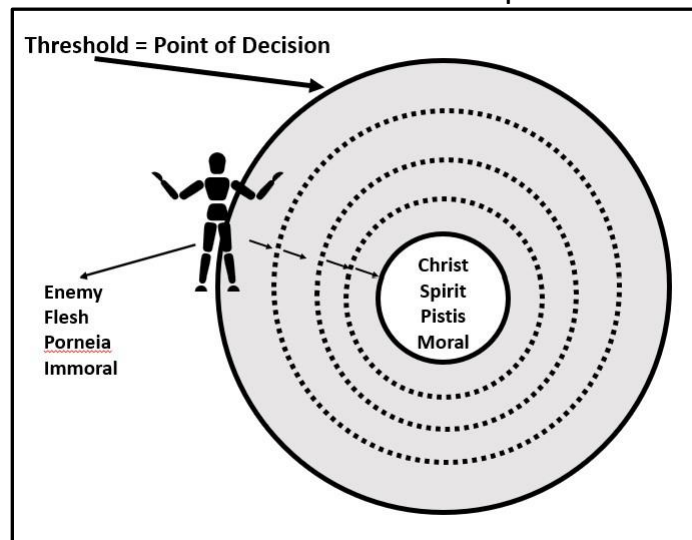


“Freed to Submit”
1 Peter 2:13–17 (ESV)

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.



Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. What makes it easy/hard for you personally, to submit to human authorities and institutions?
2. What difference does it make when God’s Word clarifies directives with words like “for the Lord’s sake” and “for this is the will of God”?
3. What does God say about the outcome/results of our obedience?
4. What is the difference between Honor, Love, and Fear?
5. How will I incorporate this decision-making tool into my life?