



## Three Commands for Godly Citizens

1 Peter 2:17

1. \_\_\_\_\_

This is not conditioned upon anything except that they are part of the body of Christ. This quality of love is sacrificial, not sentimental. And this is essential to godly citizenship, for it is in the family of believers that we discover where we truly belong.

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ~ 1 John 3:16*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

The fear of the LORD is the disposition of all who know Him for true reverence and awe are to be directed at God. The Christian will not participate in society in a godly way if the fear of the LORD is not the governing rule of life.

*“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” ~ Matthew 10:28*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The command is simple, all believers are to honor those who are given the responsibility of leadership in the nation. There is no distinction between a good or a bad emperor.

*Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ~ Titus 3:1-2*

**Romans 13:7**

**Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.**



## Three Commands for Godly Citizens

### Additional Scripture References

*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

#### **Proverbs 17:17**

*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:9**

*Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another*

#### **John 15:12**

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

#### **Genesis 22:12**

*He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”*

#### **Psalms 36:1**

*Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

#### **2 Corinthians 7:1**

*Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*

#### **Hebrews 13:18**

*Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.*

#### **Romans 12:17**

*Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.*

#### **Matthew 17:27**

*“However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”*