

***“<sup>21</sup> Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, <sup>22</sup> for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?” (Proverbs 24:21-22)***

***Fear the LORD:*** That what everyone needs to do by living a holy life and be in obedience to God and to His word. The fear of the LORD is to do what is right and just to each and everyone that God had placed around you.

***Fear the LORD and the king:*** God also wants us to respect and fear the authorities that he had placed on the earth, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1) God had placed authorities on earth for a certain purpose; that they will keep things how God want it to be, “<sup>2</sup> Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. <sup>4</sup> For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.” (Romans 13:2-4) We are called to obey all the government rules except the rules that opposing us from preaching the gospel.

***Fear the LORD and the King:*** That also include respect and submission to the church authorities that God had placed over us because they are caring for us, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Hebrews 13:17) We are called to respect those people who work hard to care for us so that they will continue to give their care and service unto the LORD and unto us, “<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.” (1Thessalonians 5:12-13)

***Do not join with the rebellious,*** because those who does not fear God or fear the authorities, God will punish; for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?

### ***My Prayer***

***Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from my sins of not fearing you and not fearing the authorities. Lord teach me to revere you and walk in your ways, this all I ask and pray in Christ name, Amen.***



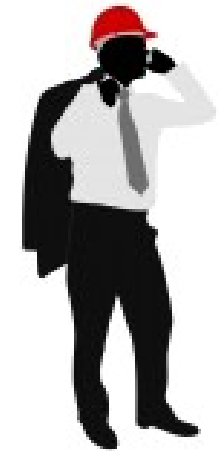
***“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”***

***(Hebrews 13:7)***

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# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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***“<sup>15</sup> You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, <sup>16</sup> to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it.”***

***(1 Corinthians 16:15-16)***