



4. Stand on the Gospel – Vs. 12

The message of Jesus is exclusive – narrow – because Jesus is the only one who is capable of saving lost sinners.

5. Total Obedience to God

We can't truly say that we love Jesus if we are unwilling to follow Him closely.

Early believers had to be commanded to be quiet, while many modern believers need to be commanded to speak.

When Jesus gets a hold of your life it is impossible to stop speaking about Him.

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." (1 Peter 2:13–17)

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:1-7)

Obedience to government can only be observed when we are not disobeying our Sovereign Lord.

We can't remain silent when there is such good news to share!

