"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also"

2 Timothy 2:2)

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HONOR AND OBEY

In Romans 13:1, the apostle Paul wrote:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (KJV).

We live in a world where rebellion often seems louder than respect, and yet the Word of God calls us to honor those in authority. Whether civil leaders or spiritual shepherds, God's design includes structure, respect, and submission—not out of fear of man, but out of reverence for Him. As **missionaries in this great nation**, we understand the importance of respecting its laws. Doing so is part of obeying God's Word and showing a Christlike example in the place He has graciously allowed us to serve.

Not long ago, a gentleman from Brazil reached out after discovering our work:

"I have formal theological training, but it's always important to keep learning from men God uses to expand our understanding. I am very happy to discover the Online School and wish to complete the program formally, following the curriculum. It will be an honor to be counted among the thousands of students who will enjoy the wonderful teachings offered by this Christian institution."

Messages like this—whether from rural towns or busy cities, and even across language barriers—demonstrate the impact of the work **you and I are doing together for the Lord**, reaching souls who want to know and obey His will.

WHAT'S NEXT? May has been a very busy month, filled with visits to both current and prospective supporters, as well as efforts to promote the work among Hispanic congregations. The course notes for both Thessalonian epistles are ready, and—Lord willing—lessons will be recorded this coming June. I'll also be speaking at the Back to the Bible Lectures on June 7th in Mesquite, TX. Everything is set for the Spanish lessons at Polishing the Pulpit in Branson, MO, and Lord willing, we hope to see many brethren there in July.

The work keeps growing. More help is needed. But let us not hesitate—we are thankful to God for the privilege of doing this, and we are deeply grateful to have many of **you** as supporters and fellow workers in the vineyard. Let us not only give thanks to God, but also **honor and obey** Him in everything we do.

If you haven't yet helped us in this mission but would like to support the Lord's work, please contact us directly or visit <u>spanishbibleschool.org</u> to learn more—or donate online.

May God bless you and your family richly today, and always!

To Him be the glory!

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