

# HONORING GOD | 2020

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### 2 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE MINISTERS OF GOD

Romans 13 calls government officials "ministers" of God, meaning they are, in effect, servants of the Lord. **Just as pastors are ministers of the Church, elected officials are ministers of God in government**, and they have a job to do for Him. This should change the way we view our elected officials. This is why the Bible calls us to pray, submit, and honor those in authority (1 Timothy 2, Romans 13, 1 Peter 2).

### 3 GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROPERLY DO ITS JOB WITHOUT THE CHURCH

Government carries the incredible burdens of our communities. Whether foster care, health care, mental health, poverty, addictions, or matters of justice – government was not designed to face these needs on its own. **Government needs moral guidance to implement true justice**, and it requires partnership with the Church to meet the deeper, physical and spiritual needs of our communities.

### 4 LAW MATTERS

The law has never been able to save, and we are free from the penalty of sin. But the moral law comes from the character and nature of God, standing as a teacher and shaper of culture. Godly leaders pass laws that help guide society to see what is right and to protect people by making it more difficult to sin.

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