RESPECT

The President gathered some folks at the White House the other day to discuss the recent riots at Ferguson, Mo., that’s been in the news of late. One of the main things that came out of the meeting was that the president wants to “re-train” the police departments of the country, I guess so they will think like he does. He wants the police to show respect to the people they deal with.

I’ll have to admit that I have no respect for the guy who does not respect the law and he and his Attorney General has demonstrated they do not respect the laws we have.

That aside, I realize I am just a country preacher and don’t understand some of the sophisticated things, but how in the world do you show respect for law breakers. Paul tells us in Romans 13 “Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: 4 for 1he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for 2he beareth not the sword in vain: for 3he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil” (vv 1-4)

Now lets read this passage carefully. What it says is that we are to obey the law and officers for they are “ministers of God” because there is “no power but of God.” In other words, if a person obeys the law and its authorities they are obeying God in that respect.

Now, how are we supposed to “respect” lawbreakers? Tap them on the shoulder and say “come with me please?” Everyone that has been around a while know there are people that are criminals and
have no love for the police. But police officers are supposed to “respect” them. How about this? “Excuse me please sir, but although I respect you, would you please come with me to jail.”

We are not talking about speeding tickets and stuff like that. Police deal with criminals, some of them would shoot and kill the officer any way they could, and we are supposed to say “PLEASE?”

How ridiculous can you get???