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Faithful Stewardship: Giving to God and Giving to Caesar

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” – Matthew 22:21

Finances can be a source of both blessing and stress. Taxes may feel like a burden, yet they remind us of our role in society. Jesus' words in Matthew 22:21 challenge us to fulfill our obligations while keeping our focus on God. We are called to be honest and responsible, whether in paying taxes, managing our resources, or giving back to God.

Too often, we worry about money—either fearing we don't have enough or holding on too tightly. But Scripture reminds us that God is our provider (Philippians 4:19), and our financial decisions should reflect our trust in Him.

Jesus acknowledged the reality of taxes, but He also reminded us that our ultimate allegiance is to God. We live in a world where financial responsibilities exist, yet we are called to handle them with integrity. Being honest in our taxes, fair in our business dealings, and generous in our giving are all ways we honor Him.

Discussion Question:

- What does Jesus' response to the Pharisees in Matthew 22:21 teach us about balancing faith and financial responsibility?
- How do you feel about paying taxes? Do you see it as an obligation or an opportunity to contribute to society?



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Practical Steps for Faithful Stewardship:

- Pay with Integrity – Be honest in your financial dealings, whether taxes, bills, or debts. (Romans 13:7)
- Give Generously – Make giving a priority, not just an afterthought. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Budget Wisely – Plan and manage your finances to prevent stress and to bless others. (Luke 14:28)
- Trust God – Remember that financial security ultimately comes from Him. (Philippians 4:19)

Finances, taxes, and faith might seem like separate topics, but they are deeply intertwined in our spiritual walk. God calls us to trust Him, act with integrity, give generously, and plan wisely. When we handle our money with faith, we reflect His wisdom and provision to the world.

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