

IT'S TIME TO PAY UP!

Based on the command of Christ #38 – “Render to Caesar”

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I. TWO OPPOSING SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

1. The **Herodians** were loyal to King Herod and they looked to Rome to restore Israel.
2. The **Pharisees** resented paying taxes to Caesar and felt it was a great humiliation.

II. Tribute in Question

III. Command in Response to Trap

Lk. 20:20 - Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

IV. HIGHER WISDOM

Job 1:21, “naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked I shall return...the Lord gave and has taken away.”

V. God’s View vs. Our View (of money)

1. God’s view of money is this:
 - (a) To bring increase
 - (b) To fulfill His purposes on the earth.
2. Our view of money is this:
 - (a) It’s ours...
 - (b) We earned it.....

(c) We have a right to spend it as we want.....

(d) More money equals more freedom.....

(e) Our means of security....

(f) More money, the less we have to trust God in the future.

VII. God's Purposes for Money

I Peter 2:17 - "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the King."

Deut.14:22-23 - "Tithe all the increase to learn to fear the Lord."

Matthew 17:24-27 - "You know as the Messiah, myself, I'm really not subject to the taxes of the world, but rather than stumble the publican, I'm going to pay it."

I Peter 2:13 says, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake...."

Romans 13:6 - This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

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Gen. 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.