

Civil Government and the Servant



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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MARK 12:13-17 – MESSAGE #52

I. THE COALITION OF EVIL



Mark 12:13,

And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and
of the Herodians,

to catch him in his words.

II. THE COMPLEMENTS OF COWARDS



Mark 12:14,

And when they were come,
they say unto him,
Master, we know that thou art true,
and carest for no man:
for thou regardest not the person of men,
but teachest the way of God in truth:

III. THE CATCH OF THE DAY



Mark 12:14,

Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

Mark 12:15,

Shall we give, or shall we not give?

IV. THE CONFRONTATION OF JESUS



Mark 12:15,

But he, knowing their hypocrisy,
said unto them,

Why tempt ye me?

bring me a penny, that I may see it.

V. THE COUNTER-QUESTION OF JESUS



Mark 12:16,

And they brought it.

And he saith unto them,

Whose is this image and superscription? And they
said unto him, Caesar's.

Picture of a Denarius



- “Tiberius Caesar Augustus, Son of the Divine Augustus” and “Pontif Maxim” = high priest



VI. THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER



Mark 12:17,

And Jesus answering said unto them,
Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's.

And they marveled at him.

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



Render to Washington the things that are
Washington's!



LESSONS FOR DISCIPLES



- Romans 13:1 **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. ² Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: ⁴ For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. ⁵ Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. ⁶ **For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.** ⁷ **Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.**

LESSONS FOR DISCIPLES



- 1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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- Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, ² To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. ³ For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. ⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

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- 1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴ Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. ¹⁵ For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: ¹⁶ As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. ¹⁷ Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



1. First of all, pray for all those in government!
2. Render to Washington the things that are Washington's – pay your taxes!
3. Be subject to civil authority!
4. Render to civil authorities their dues, their tribute, their honor, their respect, etc.!
5. Obey magistrates!
6. Be ready to every good work!
7. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake!
8. Honor all men! Honor the king or your president!

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD



“Render to God the things that are God’s.”

The denarius had the image of Caesar stamped on it.
The coin belongs to Caesar!

We have the image of God stamped on us. We need to
acknowledge that we belong to God!

To render what is God’s, is to give our heart, soul,
mind, body – our all to God!

Rendering to God our all!



Dear God:

I realize that I am made in your image. I need to acknowledge Your ownership. I give you my heart, my all. I subject my will to Your will. Today, I bow my head and heart to you. I believe you died for my sins to redeem me, to buy me back and to restore me to man's original condition. I believe you rose again to give me life.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.