

16. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Christians should acknowledge in their own habit of paying taxes to the government an implicit recognition of the authority that the government possesses over them The payment of taxes becomes a responsibility that the Christian owes to God Himself.

Douglas Moo

The only completely just tax system the world has ever known was in the divinely-revealed Mosaic law of ancient Israel. But although their taxes were absolutely fair, the people soon discovered ways to cheat on them.

John MacArthur

Everywhere, we, more readily than all men, endeavor to pay to those appointed by you the taxes, both ordinary and extraordinary, as we have been taught by Jesus. We worship only God, but in other things we will gladly serve you, acknowledging you as kings and rulers of men, and praying that, with your kingly power, you may be found to possess also sound judgment.

Justin Martyr

Taxes are not merely about providing a way to maintain property rights or punish criminals or other good government functions. Taxes are about honoring God who invented government as His wise plan for the good of society.

Mark Vaughan

With outward compliance, you are honest on your income tax forms because you're afraid that if you aren't, you might get caught. With inward obedience, you are honest because you want to have a clear conscience before God, who reads your tax forms before you send them in.

Steven Cole

You may not like the taxes you are asked to pay, you may not deem them fair, you might not agree with every way that our tax dollars are being spent, but you have no right to decide which taxes you want to pay and which ones not to pay. God has not given you the authority to make that decision.

Keith Krell



Message #103: Give What to Whom?

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Sermon Notes

1. Submit (Romans 13:1-5)

2. Support (Romans 13:6-7)

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Read *Romans 13:6*. What is Paul referring to when he says, *because of this...*?

3. As Christians, what must we do according to *Romans 13:6*?

4. Who are the *servants of God* Paul refers to (*Romans 13:6*)? How are they *servants of God*?

5. Who instituted the first recorded governmental tax in the Bible (*Genesis 41:28-37*)?

6. Read *Matthew 17:24-27*. Did Jesus have to pay the Temple tax? Did Peter? Why did Jesus pay this tax?

7. Why might Jesus have had a problem with giving tax money to the Temple (*Matthew 17:22-23; 26:14-16*)?

8. Read *Matthew 22:15-22*, *Mark 12:13-17*, and *Luke 20:20-26*. What were the Pharisees and Herodians trying to do?

 What was Jesus' answer to their question? How does this correlate with *Romans 13:6*?

9. Are there any circumstances in which Christians should not pay taxes?

If so, why is this justified in light of *Romans 13:1-7*? If not, why not in light of *Romans 13:1-7*?

10. What is meant by *render to all what is due them (Romans 13:7)*?

Who is excluded from the *all*?

11. Paul tells us to give everyone what we owe them (*Romans 13:7*). To whom do you owe...

Tax —

Custom —

Fear —

Honor —

12. What extra dimension influences Christians in our thinking about obeying government and paying taxes?

13. How does submitting to and supporting governing authorities relate to *Romans 12:1-2*?

14. What are three basic reasons given in *Romans 13:1-7* to submit to the government?

15. **Reflection Questions:** Do I have the right balance in what I give to government and what I give to God (*Matthew 22:21*)? Is my reaction and submission to governing authorities different from the unbelievers around me? When a policeman pulls you over and gives you a ticket for speeding, do you see him as a *servant of God*? How would that perspective change the way you respond?