**Our Financial Obligations**
Matthew 22:15-22

Is it God's desire for us to pay taxes? - v17

**I. The Significance of the Question - v17**

A. The P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who asked the question were significant. - v15-16

 1. The Pharisees = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. The Herodians = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - up process they used was significant - v16.

 1. "Teacher" = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. "We know you are a man of I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".

 3. "You aren't swayed by men . . . " = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. The Q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is significant - v17.

 1. What were these taxes? (Matthew 17:24-27)

 2. What might have happened if He simply said "No"? (Acts 5:37)

 3. What might have happened if He simply said "Yes"?

**II. Answer: Return to the Government What Belongs to the Government - v21**

A. What were the background philosophies?

B. What was the Lord's Basic Universal Spiritual Principle? - Romans 13

C. Therefore: support your government F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ &

 O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its laws!

 1. Why?

 2. What did the Lord say about it? (Matthew 5:41)

**III. Answer: Return to God What Belongs to God - v21**

A. What belongs to God?

B. Then what did the Lord mean here?

 1. The T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Leviticus 27:30.

 2. Interesting biblical facts!

 a. Half of the Lord's teachings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 b. 1 verse in 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 c. 16 of the parables \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. The conclusions here:

 1. Tithes are like T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. Freewill offerings are like G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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