## **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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