

Politics, Taxes and Government

The Testing of Christ over the POLL TAX, from the Gospel of Mark 12:13-17

Introduction

13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. 14 They came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not? 15 "Shall we pay or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at." 16 They brought one. And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's." 17 And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him.

#1 The **P**_____ 13 - Hatred for Christ made strange bed fellows

Matthew 22:16 They sent their *disciples* to Him
Luke says 20:20 sent *spies* who *pretended* to be righteous

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#2 The **P**_____ 14 - Hypocritical manipulative talk will get you nowhere

#3 The **P**_____ 14b-15a - Using a political hot button as a trap

11:18 chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to *destroy* Him
12:12 they were seeking to *seize* Him

#4 The P

15b - *Christ knows the heart*

Luke 20:20 *So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.*

Proverbs 27:5 *Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed.*

#5 The P

15c-17a - *The profound wisdom of Christ*

1st Our Earthly Allegiance: *Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's*

Romans 13:1-2 *Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.*

1 Peter 2:13-15 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

Titus 3:1 *Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed*

Romans 13:7 *Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.*

2nd Our Heavenly Allegiance *And to God the things that are God's*

Matthew 28:19-20 *go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Acts 5:29 *We must obey God rather than men*

#6 The P

17b - *The amazed reaction to Christ*

1st Focus on _____, not earth

Colossians 3:1 *if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.*

2nd Speak the _____

Psalms 12:3, *May the Lord cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks great things*

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.*

3rd Maintain your _____

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*