

Render to Caesar and to God
Mark 12:13-17
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1. A seeming dilemma (13-14)

2. Christ's authoritative answer (15-17)

a. Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's

b. Render to God the things that are God's

Next week: Mark 12:18-27

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Though the Pharisees and Herodians were very different, something united them in this passage. What was it?
3. Who was Caesar?
4. Why did some Jews think it wrong to pay taxes to Caesar?
5. What are some of our responsibilities toward our government?
6. What are some of the things we owe God? Why?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Can you understand the opposition of some of the Jews to paying taxes to Caesar? Explain.
3. Why are we to render taxes, submission, honor, etc. to our government regardless of how righteous or unrighteous, just or unjust that government may be?
4. What qualifies (or limits) the obedience we owe to human government? What is one passage outside of this text that teaches this?
5. Are there any ways in which you need to grow in rendering to Caesar what is Caesar's? Explain.
6. How does the way you have been thinking about government need to change?
7. In what way are Christians dual-citizens?
8. How does this passage correct a Christian who is consumed with politics? How does this passage correct a Christian who has no concern about politics?
9. What does this passage show us about Christ?
10. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage this week?