

# ***“My Earthly & Eternal Obligations”***

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Matthew 22:15-22

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **THE TRAP**

- Pharisees
- Herodians
- “poll-tax”

### **THE ESCAPE**

- “give” (v. 17)
- “give back” (v. 21)

## **APPLICATION**

Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; 1 Pet. 2:12-17

1. What is the role & responsibility of government?

“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves excessive gratuities from the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the more benefits from the treasury, with the result that democracy collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship.”

– *Professor Alexander Tyler on the fall of the Athenian Republic*

2. What is your role & responsibilities before the government?