



Gospel of Mark

Should We Pay Taxes?

Mark 12:13-17

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I. A _____ Question

II. A _____ Answer

A. We are to _____ the Government as long as we can

B. We are to _____ God as long as we live

III.A Christian's Response to Government

- A. As a devoted follower of King Jesus, my Lord, my Savior, and my sovereign God, I pledge the following to the governing authorities, which are ordained by God
1. I will be a good citizen living in subjection to governmental authorities, even a pagan one. I will responsibly engage in the political process. If allowed, I will vote, seeking to bring my Christian convictions into the public arena (*Rom 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Prov 14:34*).
 2. I will live internationally like Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon, and Jesus Himself on Earth. My ultimate allegiance is to Christ and His Kingdom.
 3. I will obey the state but worship only God. And I will thank God for all the good He does through the government, praying always for all who are in authority (*1 Tim 2:1-5*).
 4. I will acknowledge that all governmental authority is established by and comes from God (*Mark 12:17; Rom 13:1, 4, 6*).
 5. I will pay all taxes levied upon me by the government, recognizing its right to do so (*Mark 12:17; Rom 13:6-7*).
 6. I will engage in "civil disobedience" only when my government prohibits me from doing what the Bible commands or when it commands me to do what the Bible prohibits. The law being resisted must be unjust and immoral, clearly contrary to the will of God, not just inconvenient or burdensome to me personally.