

Do I Have to Pay My Taxes

Mark 12.13-27

Taxes, Immigration, monuments, same-sex marriage, kneeling for the anthem, #METOO, Gun rights, the list seems to go on and on. We are living in unsettling times.

When the call to follow Jesus comes up against the demands of the state who do you follow? When is civil disobedience okay? Is it ever okay to protest against the government?

Jesus gives us some guidance on how to respond when faced with situations like these.

1. Whatever **BEARS THE IMPRINT** of Caesar is Caesar's.

2. Whatever bears the imprint of God **BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO GOD.**

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...., So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1.26-27

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6.19-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1.15-16

All human beings bear the imprint of God

3. Jesus teaches that our **PRIMARY LOYALTY** is to God.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' Matthew 22.36-37

4. The bible teaches that God reigns over **EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE.** (Romans 11.33-36) (No compartmentalizing!)

5. Get to know **YOUR BIBLE.**

"Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? Mark 12.24

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

Psalm 119.29 NIV

...and obeying your laws makes me wiser than those who have lived a long time. Psalm 119.100 CEV

6. Take time to listen/hear/feel **THE POWER OF GOD** in the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1.18-20



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?