

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

Prioritize Your Allegiances

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Mark 12:13-17 (Pages 824,1004 -1005, or 1016)

Big Idea: The government deserves our allegiance, but ONLY GOD deserves absolute allegiance.

1. _____ the government and _____ your taxes. (12:13-17)
(Romans 13:1-8; Acts 4:18-19)

Implications:

2. Only give _____ your _____ allegiance. (12:17)
(Romans 12:1; Mark 12:28-31)

Implications:

Sermon Questions:

1. Read **Mark 12:13-17**. Do you think you can learn about a person's true motives by the questions they ask and the way they ask their questions? If so, how can that knowledge of their motives be helpful to you as you answer their questions?

2. Read **Romans 13:1-7**. Paul told his readers to obey a government that persecuted Christians. In our Mark passage, Jesus told the people to obey and pay taxes to the same government that in a few days would kill Him. What does this tell you about how you should respond to your government today?

3. Read **Acts 5:29**. Does this verse have any practical meaning to you today? Do you think there are times when being an everyday follower of Jesus means disobeying your government? Explain.

4. Read **1 Timothy 2:1-3**. What does Paul's instruction, his urging, mean to you today in light of our current national and political environment?

5. In **Mark 12:13-17**, the coin given to Jesus had Caesar's image stamped on it. What does **Genesis 1:26, 27** say about every person? How does this relate to Jesus statement in **Mark 12:17**?

What does your "life coin" look like? Is it shiny or dull? Is the imprint of God's image clear and raised up or worn off and obscure? Are the edges sharp and distinct or worn and rounded off? Explain.

6. In **Mark 12:17**, Jesus told us what to do. He's not hinting, implying or making a suggestion. What are you to give to "Caesar," and to God today? How do you do that?

7. At times, government laws may be in conflict with your basic Christian beliefs. Read **Daniel 6:1-16**. What relevance does Daniel's experience have to your life in light of Jesus' command to give to Caesar what is his and to God what is His?

8. Our mission statement here at ACC is "To live and to lead others to live as everyday followers of Jesus." How will the sermon and your study help you live out our mission?