

Sermon Notes

Give to God the Things that Are God's

Matthew 22:15-22

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The plot to entrap Jesus

Herodians

They state the popular opinion about Jesus, probably to try to get Him to answer the way they wanted.

Their question about the tax to Caesar

Jesus' first response - "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?"

Jesus' second response - Give to whom it is due.

Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

Give to God the things that are God's.

100% of everything belongs to God.

What we have belongs to God.

Even what we earn (ref.: Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

So He has the right to tell us what to do with it.

Pay taxes. (ref.: Romans 13:1-7)

Give to God's church, His people

(ref.: 2 Corinthians 9:10)

We each belong to God.

Whose likeness and inscription is on us?

We should live for Him.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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**Application questions for 1/4/2014 sermon
Matthew 22:15-22**

Do you really agree that 100% of everything belongs to God? Including everything we have and even our very selves?

If not, why?

If he is the owner of all the stuff, and gives or entrusts it to us (entrusts is the more biblical idea), then should He be able to tell us what to do with it?

If not, why?

If yes, then, do you seek what God wants you to do with everything you have?

For example, do you seek God on a regular basis about what He wants you to be giving?

Is there anything you know God wants you to do with something you have (like money or possessions, but could even be something like kids) and you are not doing what He wants?

Do you agree that He is the owner of you, and therefore that you should give yourself to Him, by living your life His ways?

If not, why?

If yes, then, do you seek God daily on what He wants you to do and think?

Are you regularly studying the Bible and referring to the Bible for knowledge on this?

Do you regularly pray through the issues you are facing in life, and listen for God to direct you?

Do you agree that God is the wisest, wiser than you?

Then doesn't it make sense to seek His ways?

Do you ever not do what He wants because you are worried about what others might think or how they might react? Like not speak the truth to a Christian, or not share the gospel with a non-Christian?

Are you resolved to offer 100% of you and what you have to God?

If not, what is holding you back?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?