

# TAXES GOD'S WAY

## IRS TRAPS

MARK 12:13-17

“Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. When they had come, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?” But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it. ” So they brought it. And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at Him.”

- Bring me a dollar that I may see it
- Who’s image and inscription is this?
- JESUS said pay the government what’s theirs
- But I GAVE it away!!! Don’t do that.

## AVOID PENALTIES & JUDGEMENTS

ROMANS 13:2-7

“Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore, you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.”

## IF YOU ARE A TAX COLLECTOR

LUKE 3:12-13

“Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.””

## **BUT IT'S NOT FAIR!!!**

MATTHEW 17:24-27

“When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?” He said, “Yes.”

And when he had come into the house,

Jesus anticipated him, saying,

“What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?”

Peter said to Him, “From strangers.”

Jesus said to him,

“Then the sons are free. Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.””

- Paid taxes even when it wasn't fair
- God provides - even for our taxes
- Sometimes we get surprised by taxes
- God knows IN ADVANCE your tax needs

## **WHAT DO WE DO NOW?**

- Set aside in preparation NOW - How Much?

TAX BRACKETS:

<https://www.kiplinger.com/taxes/tax-brackets/602222/what-are-the-income-tax-brackets-for-2021-vs-2020>

## **KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING:**

Don't under-pay / Don't over-pay

“And Jesus answered and said to them,

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”

- Don't give Caesar's money to God
- Don't give God's money to Caesar
- \$1.5 BILLION in OVERPAID taxes in 2019

## **KEEP BUSINESS & PERSONAL SEPARATE**

- Set up an LLC or Inc in your state (or if small and starting, act and operate like you do)
- Different Bank Accounts / Credit Cards

## **ACCOUNTING / RECORD KEEPING**

- Bank & CC Statements are simple bookkeeping
- Note descriptions for each charge - Regularly
- Open separate tax-savings account

## **EVERY WAY YOU CAN BE TAXED, GOD CAN BLESS**

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-13

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

“Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

“Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

“Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

“The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

“The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

“The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

And the LORD will grant you PLENTY of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand.

You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail;

you shall be above only, and not be beneath,

if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.”

## **GOD IS ABLE TO ENSURE YOU ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH!**

II CORINTHIANS 9:8-11

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food,

supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.”