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“GOD and GOVERNMENT”
Jesus on Christian Citizenship
MARK 12:13-17

- **Revolution and Independence!**
- **A Question of Taxes** vs. 13-15
- **Jesus’ Dilemma** vs. 15b
 - *If Jesus said Pay, he would lose the people’s support.*
 - *If Jesus said don’t Pay, he would be arrested as a revolutionary.*
- **Jesus’ Response** vs. 15c-17

Validated the _____ AND prioritized _____.

Human Government is...

1. IS _____ by GOD “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,”

- **Divinely** _____ ROMANS 13:1, 2
- **Enforces** _____ ROMANS 13:3, 4
- **Merits** _____ ROMANS 13:5, 6

*It is impossible for a believer to be a good Christian
and a bad citizen at the same time.*

Human Government is...

2. IS _____ by GOD “Give to God what belongs to God.”

- **Our Human** _____ GENESIS 1:26; ACTS 4:19, 20
- **Our Human** _____ MARK 10:42

➤ **“The Last Laugh”** PROVERBS 21:1; REVELATION 19:9

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. What do you remember about this week’s message that might have been helpful?
2. We didn’t talk a whole lot about godless government. What do you think is a Christian’s responsibility in that?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: **“God is in control of who is in control.”** Explain

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- What did you think about Romans 13:1-6? Was there anything new? Did you agree or disagree with anything?

Read Daniel chapter 1 to answer the following question.

- Was Daniel in a godly government or a godless government? Explain.
 - Was Daniel respectful or disrespectful about the food issue?
 - Do you think his training was godly or godless?
 - How did God **ble**ss Daniel in the midst of a godless government?
 - How did Daniel use **hope**, **humility** and **wisdom** to thrive in Babylon?
 - How did God **use** Daniel in the midst of a godless government (look at chapters 2, 4, 5, and 6)
- Read **1 Timothy 2:1, 2**. What is our responsibility to government officials? What is the goal of this responsibility (vs. 2)?
 - Read **1 Peter 2:13-15**. What is the purpose of submitting to government authorities and for doing good?