**Dual Citizenship?**

**Text**: Mark 12:13-17

**Topic**: Authority/Government

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“Understanding our relationship with God and Government.”

**Text**: **Mark 12:13-17**, “**13**And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. **14**And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+12%3A13-16%3A20&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24680a)] but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” **15**But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+12%3A13-16%3A20&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24681b)] and let me look at it.” **16**And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” **17**Jesus 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.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Use** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.13**

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**Point #2**: **Don’t** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*! **v.14**

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**Point #3**: **Honor** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.15-17**

**Corollary Verses**: Philippians 3:20; Psalm 5:9; Proverbs 26:28; Proverbs 29:5; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Psalm 24:1; Acts 4:18-21, 5:29; Exodus 1:17; and Daniel 2:21, 4:17, 25, 32;

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Psalm 5:9**; **Proverbs 26:28**; and **Proverbs 29:5** then answer the following questions. Is flattery considered a sin? If so, explain why! How do these passages describe the person who uses flattery? What is the end result of flattery? How is flattery self-destructive? Explain.
2. Read **Romans 13:1-7** and **1 Peter 2:13-17** then answer the following questions. According to these passages, who is ultimately responsible for the creation and oversight of human government? How do you benefit from your government? What reason does Paul give for paying taxes? Apart from taxes, what else do you owe the government and those in authority?
3. Read **Mark 12:17** and **Psalm 24:1** then answer the following questions. What is the extent of God’s authoritative realm? What are the things that we are called to give to God as mentioned in Mark 12:17? Make a list and explain them in context.
4. Read **Exodus 1:15-21**; **Daniel 2:21**, **4:17-32**; **6:10:13**; and **Acts 4:19**, **5:29** then answer the following questions. Describe some of the areas in our lives that the government has authority over us? What are some areas that the government does not have authority over? When should believers participate in civil disobedience? Explain.