

Just like Jesus



Part 9 : **Lawful Like Jesus** March 6, 2022

We belong to the Kingdom of God, but live within the empires of this world. How do we find balance?

Six postures...

- 1) _____ God Above All
(*Matthew 22:35-38, Matthew 6:33, Romans 13:8-10*)
- 2) Being _____ to earthly authorities
(*Romans 13:1, John 19:10-11, 1 Peter 2:13, Daniel 2:21*)
- 3) Praying for those in _____
(*Psalm 1, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 2 Chronicles 7:14*)
- 4) Living _____ with others
(*Philippians 2:14-15, 1 Peter 2:12, Romans 12:18*)
- 5) Contributing to the _____ of your community
(*Jeremiah 29:4-7, Acts 2:47*)
- 6) Expecting the _____ of our King
(*Hebrews 10:24-25, Philippians 2:11, Revelation 22:20-21*)

:: KEY PASSAGE

Knowing their hypocrisy, [Jesus] said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marvelled at him. - Mark 12:15-17

:: LIFE APPLICATION

- 1) What stood out for you in the message today? Why?
- 2) As we consider the Herodians' question to Jesus in Mark 12:15-17 concerning taxes, what would the consequences be if Jesus answered either way?
- 3) How would you describe the relationship between the Church and the State / God's authority and civil authority?
- 4) As you consider the fact that you are created in the image of God, what does it mean for you that you are to give to God what is God's? In your life, what belongs to God? What belongs to “Caesar”?
- 5) What would you say are the reasonable limits of civil authority in our life today? What might be an example of how the boundaries are being pushed in our day? How might you respond?