

2020 VISION

Luke 20:20-26 - Tithes and Taxes

1. Government has the right to exist and function, but its presence does not **CANCEL OUT** allegiance to God.

2. **TITHES** start with income (irrespective of age). **TAXES** start with age or base earnings.
 - I give God my **FIRST** and my **BEST**, so He can bless the **REST**.

3. Tithing is not giving; it's **RETURNING** what belongs to God.

4. The tithe provides for **GOD'S WORK** through His church.

5. The tithe teaches me to put God **FIRST**.

6. The tithe **INCREASES** my faith in God.

Luke 20:20-26 *Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. ²¹ So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. ²² Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ²³ He saw through their duplicity and said to them, ²⁴ "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. ²⁵ He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²⁶ They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.*

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

Malachi 3:8-12 *"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.*