

God and Politics

Mark 12:13-17

I. The _____ on Jesus (11:13-15)

A. The _____

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1. _____

2. _____

There are two forces that have the power to unite people for either good or evil. Those forces are love and hate.

B. The _____ (12:13)

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II. The _____ of Jesus (12:15-17)

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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*."¹⁶ So they brought *it*. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." (Mark 12:15-16)

1. I am reminded that Jesus became poor that I might become rich.

2. I am reminded that Jesus lived His life in this world as a Spirit-filled man.

C. Involved An _____ (12:17)

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.

(Mark 12:17)

4 Basic Attitudes about Christians and government

1. God alone is our authority

2. The state alone is our authority

3. God and the state are both authorities, but the state is dominant

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