

Who's Your Boss? Prioritizing Your Life Part 2

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Mark 12:13—27 (NIV)

¹³Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵Should we pay or shouldn’t we?” But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. ¹⁷Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at him.

¹⁸Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ¹⁹“Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. ²¹The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. ²²In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. ²³At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” ²⁴Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? ²⁵When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ²⁶Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’ ? ²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

- **Prioritizing your life begins with an honest assessment of what you actually own and a sober understanding of what or who owns you.** (vs. 14-17; 23-25; Mark 10:23-25)

“The coin belonged to Caesar because his image was stamped on it.

We should give ourselves to God because His image is stamped on us.” Guzik

- **You should live your life beyond the coin!** (vs. 17, 23-27; Col. 3:1-4)

“This is a call to live with an eternal perspective, recognizing your responsibilities as a citizens of two worlds, and ultimately, surrendering all to God.”

- **Where you come from matters! You are made in the Image of God.** (Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Deuteronomy 6:5)

You were made by God and for God. He loves you!

Now, live like you believe it!