

You Are Not Your Own
Luke 20:20-26
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Picture: 'Andy' boot from Toy Story

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Luke 20:20-26

So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

Main Idea: Give God what belongs to Him...your life.

I. Refusing to submit, Jesus' opponents send spies to trick him. (vv. 20-22)

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Luke 20:21-22

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II. Recognizing the trap, Jesus' opponents are taught a lesson on authority (vv. 23-26)

Picture: Denarius

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"The unstated premise behind all that Jesus teaches is our primary responsibility to God. The 'things that belong to God' cannot be limited to coins. The whole earth and all that is in it is his God's demands are infinitely greater and so are God's rewards and punishments. Since we are created in the image of God we owe God our very selves." – David Garland

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.

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Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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