

Our Duty to Pay Taxes

Text: [Romans 13:6-7](#)

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[Psalm 93:1-2](#) (ESV)

¹ The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

² Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

[Romans 13:6-7](#) (ESV)

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

[Matthew 9:10-11](#) (ESV)

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

[Romans 13:6a](#) (ESV)

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes...

[Nehemiah 5:4](#) (ESV)

⁴ And there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king’s tax on our fields and our vineyards.”

[1 Kings 12:4](#) “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you.”

[1 Kings 12:14](#) (ESV)

¹⁴ (Rehoboam) spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke.”

[Leviticus 27:30](#) (ESV)

³⁰ “Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD’s; it is holy to the LORD.

[Malachi 3:8](#) (ESV)

⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In your tithes and contributions.

[Malachi 3:10](#) (ESV)

¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

[Matthew 17:25–27](#) (ESV)

²⁵ (Peter) said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?”

²⁶ And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free.

²⁷ However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for Me and for yourself.”

[1 Corinthians 16:2](#) (ESV)

² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#) (ESV)

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

[Matthew 22:15–17](#) (ESV)

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle (Jesus) in His words.

¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone’s opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances.

¹⁷ Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

[Matthew 22:18–21](#) (ESV)

¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites?

¹⁹ Show Me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius.

²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then (Jesus) said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

[Romans 13:6b](#) (ESV)

⁶ ... for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

[Romans 13:4](#) "... for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."

[Isaiah 10:1-2](#) (ESV)

¹ Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression,

² to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of My people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

[Psalm 94:10](#) "He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?"

[Psalm 98:9](#) "... before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity."

[Isaiah 13:11](#) (ESV)

¹¹ I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

[Romans 13:7](#) (ESV)

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Submit to your governing authorities.

Pay whatever taxes that are owed.

Follow the example of Jesus.

[1 Peter 2:20-24](#) (ESV)

²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

²³ When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.

²⁴ He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.