

THE GOSPEL AND THE GOVERNMENT  
Romans 13:1-7 CSB

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*Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap him by what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach truthfully the way of God. You don't care what anyone thinks nor do you show partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup>Perceiving their malicious intent, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me,*

hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." They brought him a denarius.  
<sup>20</sup>"Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked them. <sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they said to him.  
Then he said to them, "Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Matthew 22:15-22 (CSB)

*If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12:18 (CSB)