

Matthew 22:15-22

“To whom will you give allegiance?”

Roman Denarius Inscription:

“Ti. Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus.”



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“Keep in mind that politics only gets you so far. You change people’s lives most deeply by transforming their hearts, by helping them embrace a passionate, thoughtful, personal connection to Jesus.”

--David Kinniman, in 2007, speaking to a Christian friend who was beginning involvement in politics (from the book *UnChristian* by Kinniman & Lyons)

What Jesus is not doing in this interaction:

- 1. He is not giving an expanded theology of how his followers should relate to government in all circumstances.**
- 2. He is not drawing a rigid line of division between sacred and secular, between church and state.**

He is telling people to see their allegiance to God as higher than all others.

What is Jesus' main Point?

You bear God's image!

**Give to God what is His and reflect God
in the way you live.**

Genesis 1:26-27 ESV

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

Matthew 22:37–40 ESV

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:41–44 ESV

Philippians 3:19–21 ESV

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

May we never forget who we belong to and
who we answer to- Jesus Christ.

He directs all our choices & decisions