

## TITHING AND TAXES

1. Taxation is a bonafide operation in a national entity. Romans 13:1-7, Matthew 22:15-22.
  - A. Because keeping law and order costs money.
    1. Romans 13:4, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."
  - B. Because certain privileges enjoyed in a nation cost money.
    1. Romans 13:5, "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."
    2. "Subject..." is like highways, park systems, etc.
  - C. Because government leaders need support. It is a full-time job.
    1. Romans 13:6, "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing."
  - D. Because bonafide welfare costs money.

The above are representative; this is not an exhaustive list.

2. Taxation was enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 22:15-22.
  - A. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."
  - B. From the standpoint of the one being supported by taxes, it is a GRACE method. Why? They didn't earn or deserve it.
3. The Old Testament tithing system was a method of taxation. Numbers 18:21-24, Deuteronomy 14:22-24, Deuteronomy 14:28, 29.
4. Taxation can be abused.
  - A. By graft (split of the kingdom ... 1 Kings 12:1-5). This causes excessive taxation, excessive because luxurious living is promoted.
  - B. By non-bonafide welfare programs. This is supporting those who can work.
    1. 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-12, "Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."
    2. Proverbs 24:30ff, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, in a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man."
  - C. By guaranteed annual income programs.
    1. 2 Thessalonians 3:6ff condemns. ("Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.")

- D. By socialized medicine programs. This is the concept of the cradle to the grave.
    - 1. This violates free enterprise - It takes private practice and makes it a federal program with the resultant red tape.
    - 2. This violates volition - You must participate or be damned.
    - 3. This violates the discipline of God - Life is designed with trial, heartache, difficulty, which are the making and maturing of YOU.
    - 4. This violates Divine Institution number four.
  - E. By federal urban renewal programs.
    - 1. Get the minority races out of the ghetto and the new housing development becomes a candidate for urban renewal in two years.
  - F. By federally bailing out bankrupt companies.
    - 1. Whenever the Federal Government takes over, and you get some payment, that payment has strings attached that takes some of your freedom away, and as the paper work grows more and more, they need more staff to process the slavery. Before too long, the goose that laid the golden egg is dead.
5. Abused taxation can ultimately bankrupt a nation.
- A. Leviticus 26:26, "And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied."
6. Abused taxation will cause slavery.
- A. Leviticus 26:25, "And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of My covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered unto the hand of the enemy."
  - B. Slaves don't pay taxes, however.

NOTE: The word or term "taxation" does not occur in the English Bible. The words for taxation are translated "tithe" or "tribute" or occasionally "yoke."

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