

GOSPEL OF MARK

Obligations to God and Obligations to Caesar

Mark 12:13-17

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1. Obligations to _____.

- a. All people are made in the image of God and therefore owe their _____ allegiance to Him.
- b. The Pharisees and Herodians are examples of those who do _____ render to God what is due Him.
 - 1) They are _____ of God.
 - 2) They are _____.
 - 3) They have a _____ righteousness.
 - 4) They follow _____ in place of God.

2. Obligations to _____.

- a. "Caesar", like all other realms of government, exists under the authority of _____ and has been given it's role by Him.

"Caesar, the civil ruler, has a legitimate right to collect taxes, says Jesus. But he has no right to seek divine worship. His power is limited; the State may not act as _____, controlling all things." - Political Christianity

- b. In the United States, it is actually the U.S. Constitution that functions as the " _____ " to its citizens. (See Article 6 Section 2)
- c. The _____ has the responsibility to teach all realms of government (self, family, church, and civil) what God requires of them.

*"He gave to the State a legitimacy it had never before enjoyed, and set _____ to it that had never yet been acknowledged. And He not only delivered the precept but He also forged the instrument to execute it. To limit the power of the State ceased to be the hope of patient, ineffectual philosophers and became the perpetual charge of a universal church."
- Lord Acton*

- d. God requires _____ submission to the authorities He has placed in our lives.

"You are exceedingly afraid, lest, if tribute be paid to the Romans, the honor of God may be infringed; but you ought rather to take care to yield to God that service which He demands from _____, and, at the same time, to render to men what is their due." - John Calvin