

THE BASIC DUTIES TO STATE AND CHURCH

Mark 12:13-17

Key Verse: 12:17

* GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S (13-16)

1. Read verse 13. Who are "they"? (12; 11:27) What was on their minds?
2. What do you know about the Pharisees? (See Mt 23:24; Lk 11:46; Mt 23:5; Mk 12:40) What kind of people were they before they became corrupt?
3. Who were the Herodians? Why was it unusual for the Pharisees and the Herodians to be doing something together?
4. For what purpose did the Pharisees and Herodians engage Jesus in conversation? (13) How did they flatter him? Was what they said about him true? If so, how could they be his enemies?
5. What was the clever question they asked Jesus? How could this question be a trap no matter which way he answered?
6. What did Jesus know about his questioners? How did he answer their question?
7. Whose portrait and whose inscription were on the coin? What did Jesus mean by "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's"? What belongs to Caesar? What are some ways in which this directive can be applied to our lives?

* GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S (17)

8. What belongs to God that we should give him? (Dt 6:5) What do we give to God when we believe his promises?
9. How can we learn to be people who give to others rather than people who are always trying to get something from others? (See Jn 3:16; Mk 10:45; Ac 20:35)