

Paying Your Taxes, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 13.
- B. Taxing is burden for all.
- C. There are more crimes committed with regard to tax evasion than any other.
- D. The Bible teaches to pay our taxes.
- E. Government wrongs are not a good enough reason to not pay taxes. The government of the New Testament church was much more oppressive.
- F. The two basic responsibilities of a Christian toward government is submission and payment of taxes.

II. Taxation is an old biblical truth that could be very divisive and used for intimidation. (Nehemiah 5:4, 1 Kings 12:3-4, 2 Kings 23)

III. God set a pattern for taxes very early. (Genesis 41:32; Leviticus 27; Numbers 18:21-24; Deuteronomy 12; 14:28; Exodus 23:11; 30:13; Malachi 3)

IV. There is freedom in the New Testament because believers have been made children of God. Jesus paid the tax to an apostate religion so as not to offend them. (Matthew 17; 22:15)

V. When we pay our taxes we can still count on a blessing.

Application Questions:

1. What are some modern reasons people give for not paying taxes?

2. How would you respond to a Christian who argues that one should not pay your taxes because the government does evil things? Explain.

3. How does the relationship of the believer to taxes change from the New Testament to the Old? Explain.
