## **Applying Bible Principles**

God expects Christians to pay their taxes, since the government is ordained and authorized by God. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's" (Matt. 22:21).

Under the Old Testament economy, people were required to give to God because this was also the means of providing the government. A theocracy was in place then, which meant that government was actually operating under the direct authority and leadership of God Himself.

Today, we are under a different economy. However, we are still required to support the government. We may not like the way government operates. We may not agree with the policies of our governmental leaders. We may not even like the political process or the individuals involved in it.

But God says that is not the issue. The issue is one of obedience. He says we are to pay our taxes to whom we "owe taxes" (Romans 13:7). In spite of all the ills of government, God says that governmental agencies and government leaders are His "ministers" and that they operate for our ultimate "good."

So the question is not whether we agree with or even support the work and activities of our governments at the local, state and national levels. The question is one of whether or not we will obey God. You see, it's relatively easy to sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." It's far more difficult to demonstrate our love for Him by yielding to Him in full and complete obedience, especially when His commands are ones we do not care for — like paying our taxes.

If He is in charge, if He is Lord of our lives, then we will do what He tells us to do. As the little chorus states it so clearly, "I'll say, 'Yes,' Lord, 'Yes,' to Your will and to Your way; 'Yes,' Lord, 'Yes,' I will trust You and obey." Even when it comes to paying my taxes? Even when it comes to paying my taxes!

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## **Steepleview Bible Study**



Downstairs in the Common area at Steepleview

2:00 - 3:00pm- Friday, June 9th 2:00 - 3:00pm - Friday, June 16th

## June Meetings:

Steepleview Board Meeting

Thursday, June 1st at 7pm.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm

Townhouses of Derby Meeting

Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30pm.



Join us for a Special Luncheon on Sunday June 4th, 2023 after service In honor of

## Reverend Dr. Ed Kuffel

for graciously preaching the word from our pulpit since May 2022.



The Congregation is asked to join us for a Luncheon on

Sunday June 11th, 2023 after service
To Welcome

Pastor Joseph Han and his Family

to The First Church of Evans Family