

Tax Day 2025: Here's What the Bible Says About Paying Those Taxes!

It's Tax Day in America—a day that few look forward to, but one that comes around each year just the same. While it's easy to grumble about where our tax dollars are going, especially in a culture increasingly at odds with biblical values, it's worth asking: what does the Bible actually say about paying taxes?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was directly confronted with this question.

When the Pharisees tried to trap Him with a political question, whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus responded plainly: “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's” (Matt. 22:21).

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It was a powerful answer then, and it still holds true today.

The Bible is clear about the importance of being law-abiding citizens and doing our part to live peacefully in society.

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Romans 13:1-2 reminds us that all authority comes from God and that resisting lawful authority is resisting what God has appointed. Paying taxes, as frustrating as it may feel, is a part of that responsibility. And as long as those laws don't contradict the Word of God, we are called to honor them.

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Yes, it can be disheartening to see our tax dollars used for things that go against our faith. But here's the blessing: in America, we have a voice. We have the right, and the responsibility, to vote for leaders who reflect biblical values and steward our resources wisely. That's a freedom many in the world do not enjoy.

So today, as you file your return or grumble over the amount owed, remember, Jesus Himself said to pay it. And more than that, He taught us to live in a way that reflects peace, honor and integrity, even in something as mundane (and maddening) as taxes.

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