

Local Church Budget



“Then he said to them, ‘So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s’.” Matthew 22:21 (NIV)

The Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus. They asked Him whether He thought they should pay taxes to Caesar. Would Jesus show affinity for the Roman rulers? Jesus responds by asking them to show Him a coin, a Denarius. On it was an image of the emperor. Jesus suggested that they give to the government what was required and give to God what belonged to God. They couldn’t argue with that!

But tithes and offerings should be different; they are an act of worship. They are not a tax. They are a way of showing that God comes first in our lives and that we trust in God, not our own means. All throughout the Bible we have promises from God that He will sustain those who trust in Him. We can never out-give God because He has already given all for us. He has given us everything.

As we give to our local budget offering this morning, we support the ministries right here in this church. We have the opportunity through our offerings to help others come into saving relationships with Jesus. Let’s hold onto the promises of Scripture that God will sustain us as we give generously.

Appeal
Let’s worship God by putting Him first in every part of our lives.

Prayer
Dear God, help us to cultivate generous hearts and trust You with all we have. Amen.

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