

CrossWalk notes

Your Questions Answered

Should I Support a Political Party?

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How do I live in God's kingdom and man's kingdom?

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. **Matthew 22:15-16, NIV**

The major political/social parties of Jesus' day were Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes, Zealots.

Differing parties found a common _____ in Jesus.

They were interested in _____ power.

¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? **Matthew 22:17-18, NIV**

Beware! Political questions are often spiritual _____.

¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. **Matthew 22:19-21, NIV**

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. **Romans 13:1, NIV**

God uses _____ government systems to accomplish his purposes and has throughout history.

²¹ Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Matthew 22:21-22, NIV

Let the government be the government, but don't make the government your _____.

²³ And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king." **Luke 23:2, NIV**

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 18:36, NIV

Jesus rules _____ kingdoms from his throne in heaven.

¹⁹ Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **Philippians 3:19^b-20, NIV**

- Be a person of _____.
- Teach the way of God in accordance with the _____.
- Don't be _____ by others.

MEMORY VERSE

²¹ 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**

My next step: I will be active, involved and supportive of the government of my country. I will live as a citizen of heaven trusting God's power to save.

What's your next step?
Mark it on your communication card.