

WHAT IS KINGDOM TAXATION?

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(Matthew 22:21) (Malachi 3:8-12)

Are we suppose to pay taxes to the Kingdom of God?

The answer is **YES**. Paying taxes to the Kingdom will enable you to benefit from the Kingdom's commonwealth economy.

There is a huge difference between the American taxation system and the Kingdom's taxation system. America's taxation system is centered around building the countries infrastructure such as bridges, roads, schools, etc.

However, the Kingdom's taxation system is focused on empowering **YOU**! King Jesus does not need your money to build His Kingdom. His Kingdom is already established. The American government needs your money.

The Kingdom of God needs your **COMMITMENT**. In the Kingdom your money does not go toward building its

wealth because the Kingdom is **ALREADY** wealthy. King Jesus wants you to commit to His word while America wants your money to strengthen their infrastructure.

Unlike America's taxation system, the Kingdom does **NOT** want to build everything **AROUND** you, it wants to build everything **WITHIN** you. The Kingdom of God wants to expand **YOUR** opportunities. The Kingdom of God wants to bless **YOU**.

The Kingdom of God wants **YOU** to progress. America's taxation system is not interested in empowering you. It is only interested in strengthening the country that you live in. This is why people hate paying American taxes.

They do not see how America's taxation system **PERSONALLY** benefits them. Think about this. Would you feel better paying taxes to a government that empowers **YOU** or strengthens things **AROUND** you?

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

(Matthew 22:21)

In Matthew 22:21 Jesus told the followers of the Pharisees to “*give to Caesar the things that are Caesars and give to God the things that are God’s.*” When Jesus recited these words, He was explaining the difference between two different **TAXATION SYSTEMS**.

Jesus never told the Pharisees followers to choose which taxation system they should honor. He told them to honor Caesar **AND** God because Caesar’s taxation system is focused on building the world’s economy while the Kingdom’s taxation system is focused on empowering people.

“THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WELL BEING, KING
JESUS IS.”

When a person decides to pay their American taxes while **REFUSING** to pay their Kingdom taxes they will make their country wealthy while going bankrupt at the **SAME** time. In the profound statement that Jesus said in the scripture, He was teaching people how to build their government while empowering themselves at the **SAME** time.

If you do not pay taxes to the American government you are robbing the country of its prosperity because your country **NEEDS YOUR MONEY**. However, if you do not pay your Kingdom taxes you are hurting yourself because **YOU NEED** King Jesus and His Kingdom.

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(Malachi 3:8-12)

Paying Kingdom taxes is the same thing as paying **TITHES**. A tithe is ten percent of your **GROSS** income. Unlike the American taxation system, the Kingdom's taxation system is **NOT** progressive; meaning, the more

you make in income, the higher percentage you pay in taxes.

The Kingdom's taxation system is based on a **FLAT TAX**. Everyone pays ten percent. The next line you are about to read is very important for you to understand. The Kingdom's taxation system has **NOTHING** to do with the brick and mortar church.

You may be thinking, how can this be? Aren't we suppose to give our tithes to the church? Yes, you are. However, in this scripture the church is **NOT** the focal point.

The church is **SYMBOLIC** of the storehouse that you give your tithes to in Malachi 3:10. However, it is not the primary focus of the scripture. Please read Malachi 3:8-12 very carefully. Paying your Kingdom taxes empowers **YOU** to do God's will.

It enables **YOU** to fulfill God's assignment and it equips **YOU** to move in God's purpose. Malachi 3:10-12 says,

*"Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what **YOU** earn so there will be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord All-Powerful. "I will open the windows of heaven for **YOU** and pour all the blessings **YOU** need.*

*I will stop the insects so they won't eat **YOUR** crops. The grapes won't fall from **YOUR** vines before they are ready to pick, "says the Lord All-Powerful. All the nations will call **YOU** blessed, because **YOU** will have a pleasant country, "says the Lord All-Powerful."*

In this scripture, how many times is the word "church" mentioned? None. How many times is the word "you" mentioned? **FIVE TIMES!** God is letting us know that the Kingdom's taxation system is meant to benefit the people.

When you pay your Kingdom taxes, **YOU** will prosper. **YOU** will do well. **YOUR** finances will be protected from the devourer. **YOU** will be blessed and admired by other groups of people.

Paying your taxes to the Kingdom of God qualifies you to receive the treasures and royal blessings of King Jesus. Pay your Kingdom taxes. You will not regret it!

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