



“Whose Image Are We Bearing?”

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*Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 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. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.*

Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

### “Giving back to Caesar.”



*“Teacher, 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 22:16 (NIV)

*“Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”*

Matthew 22:17 (NIV)

*“Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”*

Matthew 22:19-21 (NIV)

### We are called to bear the image of God.

*“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them...”*

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

## **Giving back our worship, affection, adoration, reverence, and everything!**

*“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

### **Our...**

**Earthly citizenship requires us to give back our denarius.**

**Heavenly citizenship requires us to give ourselves to God.**

*“He (Jesus) rejected the Zealots revolutionary position against Rome, but rejected any surrender of man’s primary relation to God, man’s greater obligation.”*

Myron Augsburger

### **Prayer for God’s image bearer**

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)