

The Authority of the Son

Mark 12:13-17

Human governments can appear so grand and mighty with their intimidating offices and large military forces. Before the Lord, the authorities of earth are nothing but ants building a sand pile. Jesus teaches us in Mark 12:13-17 that He is not intimidated by earthly rulers. We should respect earthly authorities as established by God and remember to give Him our final respect and honor.

Authority Over All the Earth

Our heart's desire is to be _____ and _____ of self.

Jesus is _____ by any _____
grasping for authority.

Jesus is Lord of all who are
_____ in the _____ of God

Authority of All

Getting Started

1. What's your favorite board or casual game?
2. Are you a morning person or a night owl?

Digging Deeper

3. The Jewish zealots claimed that taxation was a form of slavery. Why would Jesus disagree based on this passage?

Read Genesis 1:26-27

4. What does it mean that every person was made in the image of God?
5. What do you think the Pharisees were trying to accomplish with their kind words and lofty titles for Jesus in vs. 14?

Living It Out

6. When are we allowed to disagree with our government and not give them what they claim that we owe?
7. What are our responsibilities as American Christians?
8. What are things you owe to God to give Him this week? What steps will you take to give those back to Him?