

I. Read Luke 20:19-26

- A. In verses 20-22, an incident in which the enemies of Christ attempted to entrap Him is described. Why do you suppose they used *taxes* in their effort?
- B. What did Jesus' response in verses 23-25 reveal?
- C. Read Romans 13:1-7; Daniel 2:20-21; 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and discuss who establishes the government of nations and what the proper relationship of a nation's government is to God.
- D. Will governments always agree with their citizens about what their (the government's) legitimate authority is?

What are some cases in which this sort of conflict could arise in contemporary culture?

- E. In America, there are those who read the first Amendment, “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...” as saying that our government must not be touched by or have any contact of any kind with religion. What was the original intent of the First Amendment?
- F. The early American colonists were willing to engage in *active disobedience* against Britain for a three-pence-per-pound duty on tea. The Tea Act of 1773 did not create a severe financial burden on American colonists, but was intended to pay for British troops in America and subsidize the East India Tea Company. Given that the amount of the tax was minimal, what was the Boston Tea Party about?