

RENDER TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S.

FOCAL PASSAGE: Matthew 22:17-21

BIBLICAL TRUTH: God wants us to give to Him what is due Him.

BUSINESS IMPACT: We have to know when to draw the line when it comes to giving God what is His and giving the company or business what is theirs.

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17. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? 18. But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19. Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20. and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" 21. "Caesar's" they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's

In business we are often faced with decisions on doing what is right for the company or doing what is right in God's eyes.

Maybe your company wants you to go to places that you know would not be right in the eyes of God.

Or maybe your company wants you to do something that is

immoral or fudge the numbers or tell only half truths to get the sell etc.

I was just talking to a fellow the other day and he told me when they go to there conferences that they were to stay with that client and never leave their side and was not allowed to go to bed until they did.

Some of you might be saying I would never do anything like that well that's awesome, but it starts with the little things like when someone calls you and you tell your secretary to tell them you're not there aren't you putting them in a position where they have to choose between God or Caesar?

We all have to choose, business or God when the business goes against what is right in God's eyes then it's time to stand up, and don't compromise.

We make so few genuine decisions in life. Most of the choices we make are affected by outside forces and demands. But when it comes to the most important decision in life---our decision about God---He seeks only a genuine one...God refuses to violate our personhood and our power to choose.

---Gayle Erwin---

PRAY—that when the time comes to choose between Caesar (business) and God you will choose God.