

## TO OBEY OR NOT TO OBEY

**BACKGROUND PASSAGE:** Matthew 22:15-22

**FOCAL PASSAGE:** Matthew 22:21

**BIBLICAL TRUTH:** God is always in control. Don't major on the minors, major on the majors. Regardless of who is President, God should always be our focus

**BUSINESS IMPACT:** When we realize who really is in charge, we are able to be more focused and faithful to the task ahead of us.

**Matthew 6:34** *15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. 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."*

*22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.*

I am not quite sure how many calls, e-mails, letters I have received on who to

vote for. It has been quite a bit.

Frankly, neither candidate is highlighted their relationship with the Lord.

Then what are Christians left to do?

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and Give to God what is Gods.

We must pray daily for our President regardless of who he will be. Let the Holy Spirit do the work on both of these men's heart. We must remember what 1 Peter 2:13 says:

“Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men whether to the king, as supreme authority 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

**Pray**— that by doing Gods will that you will silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.