

## Grandpa's Wisdom On Marriage

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Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earnin' his salt, that he forgets his sugar.

Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.

When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past—but never the present.

A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work."

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, only when the interest is kept.

Many girls like to marry a military man— he can cook, sew, and make beds, and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.

(God's wisdom: Prov. 25:24 *"It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."*)

Prov. 12:4 *"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."*)

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### Assemblies

#### **Sunday:**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

#### **Wednesday:**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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### Announcements

Our Gospel meeting with Dan Starr has been changed to April 9-12. This is a Sunday through Wednesday meeting. Make plans to attend.

Our next quarterly singing is March 10 at 7:00. That will be followed by a singing on June 9.

Many of our members do works that are not often recognized. We want to thank Jerry for taking care of the treasury, Wes for taking care of the recordings, J.C. for organizing and advertising our singings, Didi for taking care of our website, and all the women who attend the ladies class and take turns sending our cards to the absent and ill members.

Continue to pray for Jill and Mary. Also be aware of many who have been down with flu symptoms. We hope the nice weather will bring better health to all.

**Be grateful  
that God gives us  
more attention  
than we give Him.**

# The Paying Of Taxes

Ron Roberts

February is the worst month of the year in my mind. Football season is over, cold weather is still here, and the process of filing taxes begins. We do our own taxes, and it seems to get more complicated each year. The forms arrive late, some are inaccurate, and the laws change. The whole thing is very intimidating when you deal with the IRS.

It is little wonder that Jesus' enemies thought they could trap Him by asking about paying taxes. In Luke 20 spies came to Jesus who pretended to be just men. They asked if it was *lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar* (vs. 20-22). If Jesus said "no", then they could report Him to the Romans. He would be guilty of promoting insurrection and rebellion against the government. On the other hand, if Jesus said "yes", then the Jews would hate Him. No people like to pay taxes, but especially if the tax burden is placed upon them by a conquering nation.

Jesus was aware of the trap. Luke 20:23 *"But He perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?"* He then called for them to give Him a penny. He was going to give an object lesson. When He obtained the coin He asked, *"Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered Caesar's"* (Luke 20:24).

This not only implied that the coin belonged to Caesar, but since the penny was in the Jews' possession it suggested Rome had provided for the Jewish nation. Our money often pictures our historic government buildings and presidents. The government prints the money that comes into our possession. Through the commerce and corporations the money eventually passes into the hands of the masses.

When the government charges us with taxes we are actually paying them for the benefits they provide us: roads, police, military, and programs to support veterans and the needy. We often forget about the good the government does for us because we focus on all the waste and abuse they do to us.

The Jews felt the same way toward the Romans. Some of the emperors and soldiers were bad. But there were others who were very kind to the nation (Luke 7:1-5, Acts 2:1-2). The Romans as a whole granted many privileges to a conquered people that they did not have to provide. The Jews were allowed to keep their traditions, laws, and God.

Jesus answered, *"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's"* (Luke 22:25). The answer silenced His enemies and marveled the masses.

We have an obligation to our government. Paul said this rule is ordained by God (Rom. 13:1). This does not mean any particular person or form of governance, but the **system** of rule is designed by the Father. Without rule we have chaos. Any method of governing is better than the riotous alternative where *"might makes right"*.

The government punishes lawbreakers and rewards the faithful citizens. For this reason Paul writes, *"Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom is due; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour"* (Rom. 13:5-7).

Peter teaches the same truth. *Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well* (1 Pet. 2:13-14).

Paul even tells us to pray for them. *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"* (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Taxes are necessary to maintain the government, and our system is the best on earth. Be grateful and support what you can.