## CHRISTIANS vs. TAX

## Jesus tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes...?

## **Matthew 22:17**

As soon as New Year comes, we all start putting together papers to file our tax returns for last years. This is something we have to do. No options. Times are tough and economy is bad. We all hope that we don't have to pay anything to IRS, but instead we get Tax Refund. But do you know filling a Tax Return is a challenge to Christian testimony?

"Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way." Psalm 119:104

Many people will cheat on their Tax Forms or look for Tax preparer who will try to get them more money by claiming false taxes. This is where our Character and Christianity comes to test. Many who are serving in the Church and claiming to be a righteous Christians will be tested for few dollars. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth." 1 John 1:6

No one will find out in your Church or in society whether you are cheating on Taxes or not, but don't forget we have a living God whom nothing is unknown and read what He is saying in Psalm 50:21 "These things you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes."

We find Judas who betrayed Jesus a very bad disciple who SOLD JESUS for thirty pieces of silver, but many Christians will be selling Jesus for less than that by claiming false taxes for few dollars. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." Romans 1:18

I know economy is bad and it is affecting our finance, but that does not give us right to cheat. Remember one day our works will be revealed. "Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is." 1 Corinthians 3:13

As a Christian Business Owner, are you keeping two books to avoid paying taxes for cash transaction? The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men...He considers all their works. Psalm 33:13-15

See what happens to those who gain wealth wrong way. "He who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool." Jeremiah 17:11

**IN CONCLUSION:** So beloved, Please be careful when you prepare your taxes this year. Don't sell Jesus for few dollars. Yes, no one will know how you filed your Taxes, but God will. "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." Revelation 22:12

"For nothing is secret that will not be revealed,

Nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light."

Luke 8:17