



***“8 Powerful Ways to End the Year Off Right”***  
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- 1. This Year's Goals***
- 2. Reflect the Year of the Previous Year***
- 3. Start thinking about the NY Goals***
- 4. Start Your Exercise Regimen Now***
- 5. Review your Finances***
- 6. Declutter***
- 7. Book Appointments to End Your Year Off Right***
- 8. Reach Out Friends and Family***



*Powerful quarter of your time, talents and treasures*

It's time to refocus and make every moment count.



# HOW TO FINISH STRONG

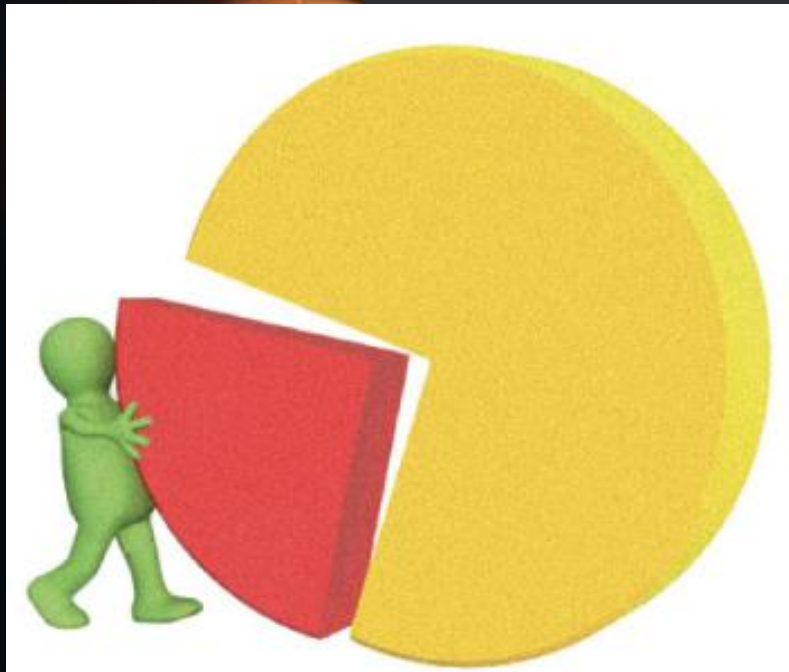
4TH QUARTER



Winning isn't imperative, but getting tougher in the fourth quarter is.

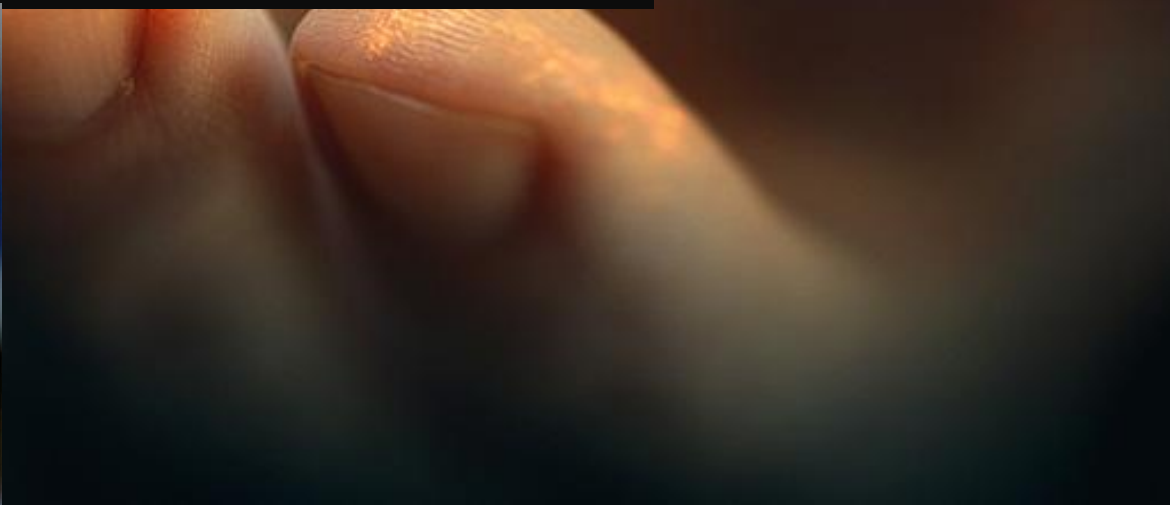
Bear Bryant

(1913-1983)



Everybody is pretty good in the first quarter. Second quarter, you have a little bump or two on you coming into the half. By the time the third quarter comes around, you're tired, you're laboring. When you come to the fourth quarter, it calls on your character.

— *Jerry Jones* —





# THE FOURTH QUARTER OF YOUR LIFE

*embracing what  
matters most*

ALLEN HUNT &  
MATTHEW KELLY

## Your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter in Spiritual Journey

### FAITH MAP



**BELONGING: COME TO ME**

#### TO CHRIST

*Faith in Jesus*

#### IN THE CHURCH

*Show Up  
Group Up  
Team Up  
Give UP*



**PURSUING: FOLLOW ME**

#### LIFE IN CHRIST

*Identity  
Sanctity  
Unity*

#### KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD

*Biblical Story  
Biblical Beliefs  
Commands of Christ*



**PRACTICING: KEEP MY COMMANDS**

#### SPIRITUAL HABITS

*Study & Meditation  
Prayer & Fasting  
Healthy Living*

#### HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

*The One-Anothers*

#### WISE DECISIONS

*Biblical Stewardship  
Principles of Wisdom  
Principles of Ethics*



**CONTRIBUTING: GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES**

#### BEARING FRUIT


*Fruit of the Spirit  
Ambassador of Christ  
Compassion, Mercy, Justice*

#### MAKING DISCIPLES

*Sharing the Gospel  
Discipling Believers*

#### BUILDING THE CHURCH

*Teaching Others  
Leading Ministries  
Leading the Church*

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1. *Caesar or Christ, Who's In Charge* .. Oct. 6
  2. *Be Fruitful with All God Gives You Now* .. Oct. 13
  3. *Bring to the Lord an Offering* .. Oct. 20
  4. *Respond to God's Gift* .. Oct. 27
  5. *Have Compassion on the Crowd* .. Nov. 3
  6. *Who Put More into the Treasury* .. Nov. 10
  7. *The Temple Tax Jesus Paid* .. Nov. 17
  8. *Give Thanks in All Circumstances* .. Nov. 24

**Give to God What Is God's**





# Matthew 22:15-22

## Who Is Greater/Powerful: Caesar or Christ?

### ROMAN EMPERORS

BY TIME IN POWER (27 BC-235 AD)

AUGUSTUS	40 YEARS, 7 MONTHS, 3 DAYS
ANTONIUS PIUS	22 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, 22 DAYS
TIBERIUS	22 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, 27 DAYS
HADRIAN	20 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 30 DAYS
TRAJAN	19 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, 10 DAYS
MARCUS AURELIUS	19 YEARS, 0 MONTHS, 10 DAYS
CARACALLA	19 YEARS
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS	17 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 26 DAYS
DOMITIAN	15 YEARS, 0 MONTHS, 4 DAYS
COMMODUS	15 YEARS
CLAUDIUS	13Y, 8M, 18/19D
NERO	13Y, 7M, 27D
SEVERUS ALEXANDER	13Y, 0M 5D
VESPASIAN	9Y, 6M, 3D
LUCIUS VERUS	8Y, 0M, 8D
CALIGULA	3 YEARS, 10M, 6D
ELAGABALUS	3 YEARS, 3M, 3D
GETA	2Y, 10M
TITUS	2Y, 2M, 20D
NERVA	1Y, 4M, 9D
MACRINUS	1Y, 1M, 28D
VITELLIUS	8 M, 3D
GALBA	7M, 7D
OTHO	3M, 1D
PERTINAX	3M, 27D
DIDIUS JULIANUS	2M, 4D





# Matthew 22:15-22

## What Matters Most: The Law or the Gospel?



	PHARISEES	SADDUCEES	ESSENES
<b>General</b>	in the world but not of the world	in the world and of the world	neither in the world nor of the world
<b>Law</b>	valued oral law, also accepted old written law	rejected oral law, accepted only old written law	wrote hidden law, accepted and gave interpretations to old law
<b>Interpretation</b>	accurate, precise	pragmatic, accommodating	creative, adaptive
<b>God</b>	participates in events of world	removed from the evil of world	Messiah will destroy the evil of world
<b>Fate</b>	Fate cooperates in human actions	rejected Fate, emphasized agency	accepted Fate
<b>Society</b>	kind to each other, lenient (Mt 5:46; Acts 5:39)	rude to each other, boorish, punitive (compare Acts 5:40)	great attachment to each other
<b>Main Locations</b>	rural villages and cities	urban centers	remote communes, separate quarters
<b>Gentiles</b>	partially accepted	openly accepted	mostly rejected
<b>Property</b>	lived simply	sought wealth	despised wealth, held goods in common
<b>Pleasure</b>			shunned pleasure
<b>Souls</b>	imperishable, good souls alone go on to another body, wicked souls suffer eternal punishment, believed in resurrection	no afterlife, no eternal rewards or punishments	bodies perishable, souls immortal, liberated upon death

**That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question ...**

*Matthew 22:23-33*





***Matthew 22:15-22***  
***Jesus is the True Son of God.***

But these things are written  
that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
and that by believing  
you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

**1. The Pharisees sent their disciples to entrap Jesus.**

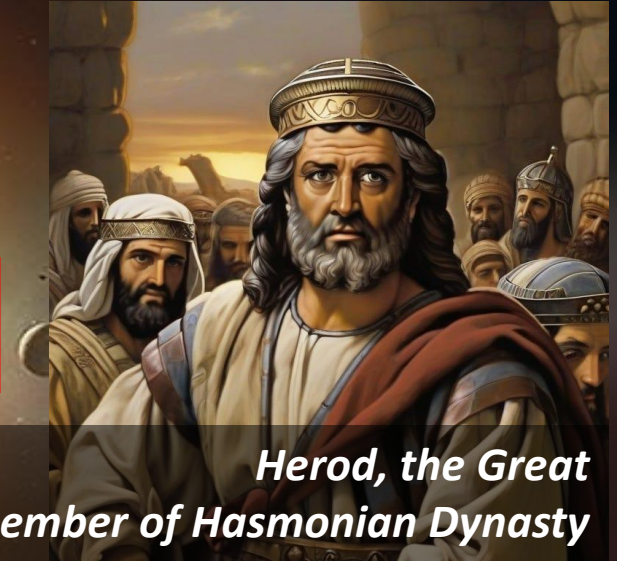
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Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-28  
dropped “the Herodians”



*Herod, the Great*

*A Son in Law of Hyrcannus II, High Priest & Member of Hasmonian Dynasty*

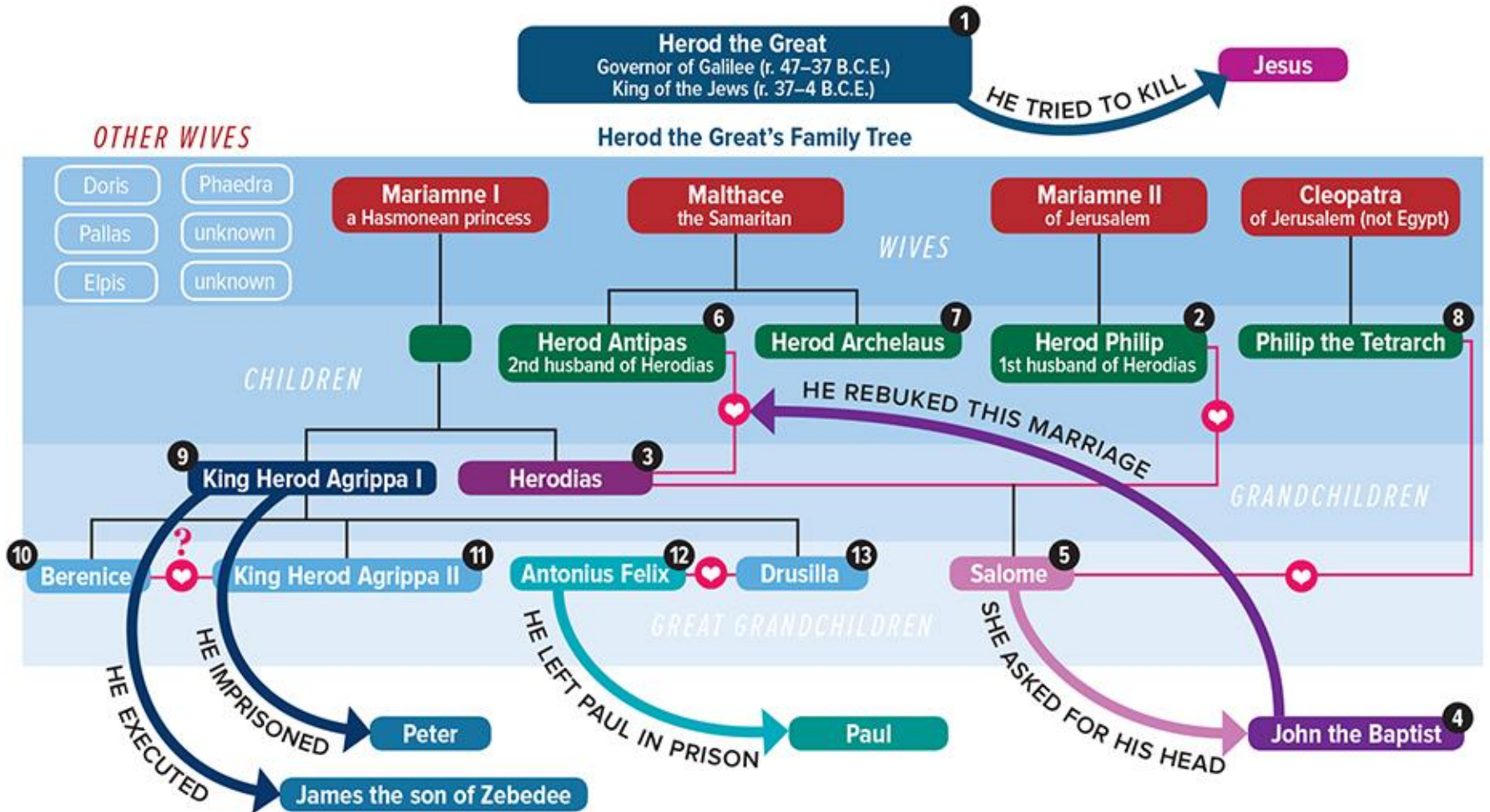
*The Pharisees sent their disciples along with the Herodians ...*



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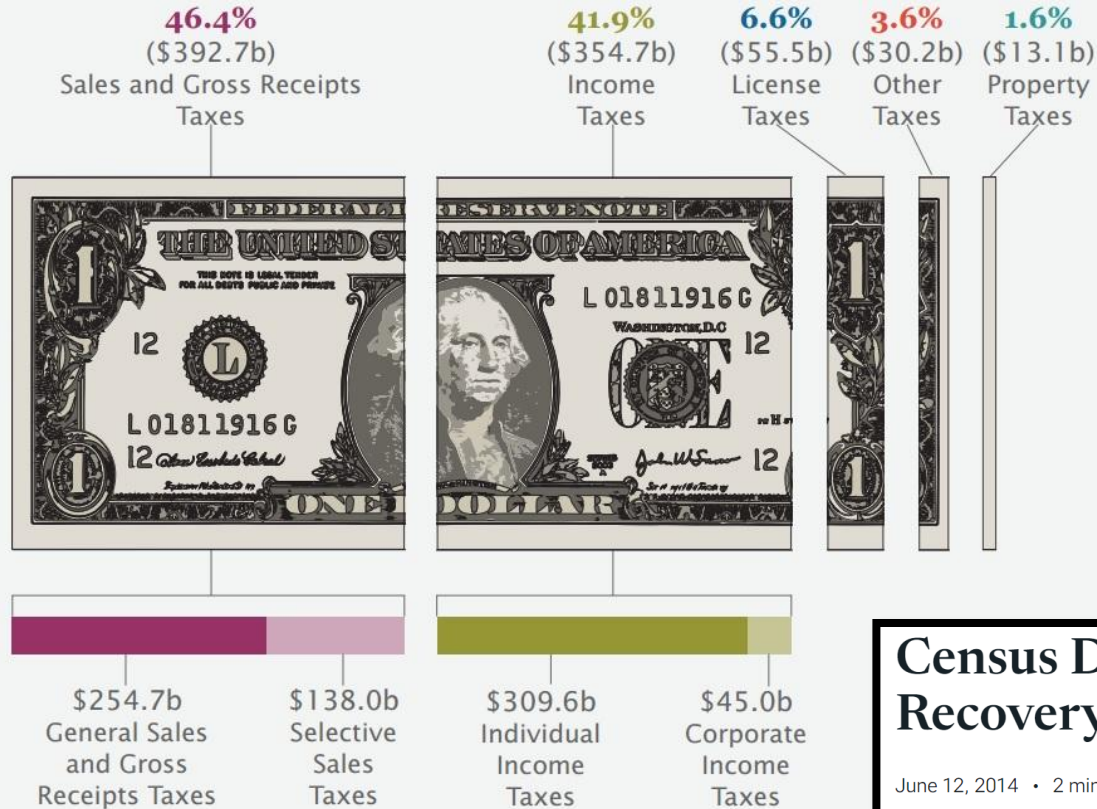
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### Total State Government Tax Collections by Category

Total: \$846.2 Billion



Note: Details may not add to the total due to independent rounding.

### Census Data Shows Tax Revenue Recovery following Recession

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### WE ARE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF EVERY DOLLAR WE RECEIVE

For every hundred dollars put in a collection plate or through other means of giving at the local church:

89% Stays with Local Church

11% Goes Toward Mission Shares as follows:



\$3.90 GOES TOWARD BWC MINISTRIES

\$2.90 SUPPORTS THE GENERAL CHURCH\*

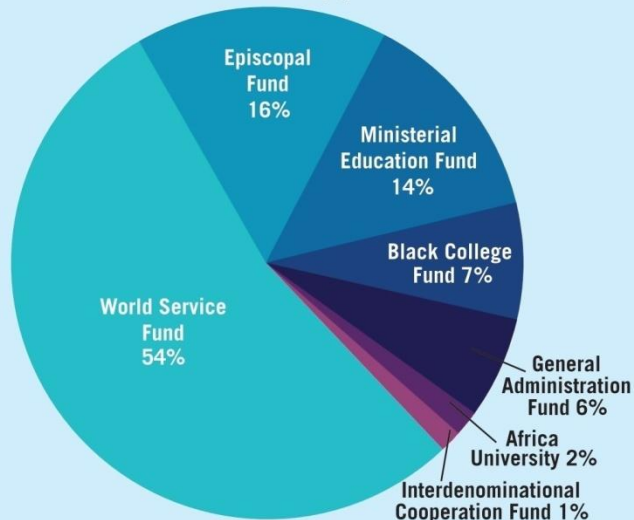
\*Your \$2.90 that support the General Church goes toward the World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education Fund and Northeast Jurisdictional Mission Shares.

\$2.60 GOES TOWARD BWC OPERATIONS & FINANCE

\$0.80 GOES TOWARD BWC ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATIONS

\$0.80 GOES TOWARD BWC DEBT REDUCTION

### General Church Apportioned Funds



Theme of  
Stewardship Campaign This Year:

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## Chinese Head Tax in Canada (1885-1923)

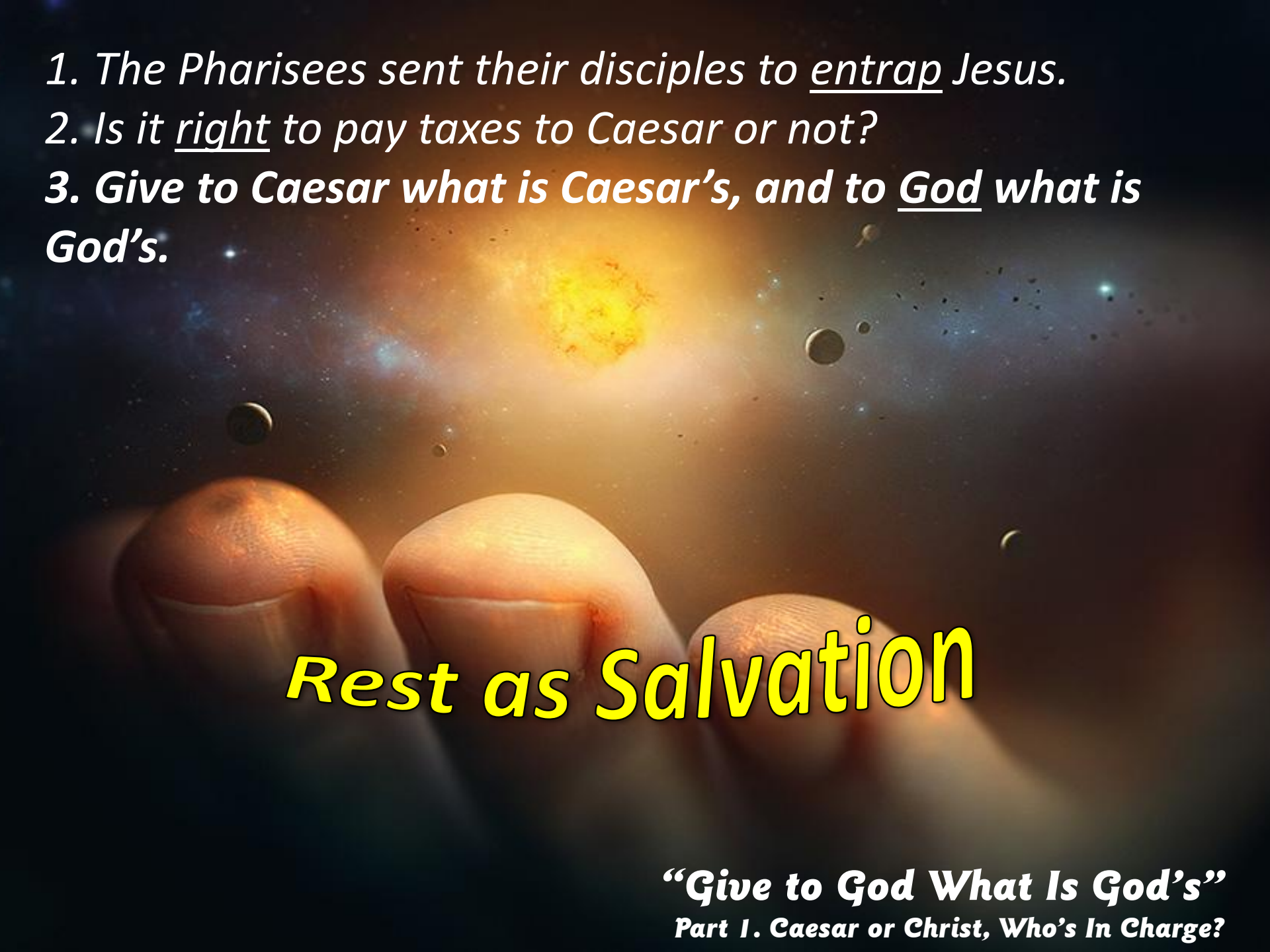
**Income Tax**  
[ˈin-kəm ˈtaks]

Payments made by individuals and corporations to a government entity based on their taxable income.

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## *Rest as Salvation*

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## You are a child of God through Christ

"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.'"

- Romans 8:15; NLT

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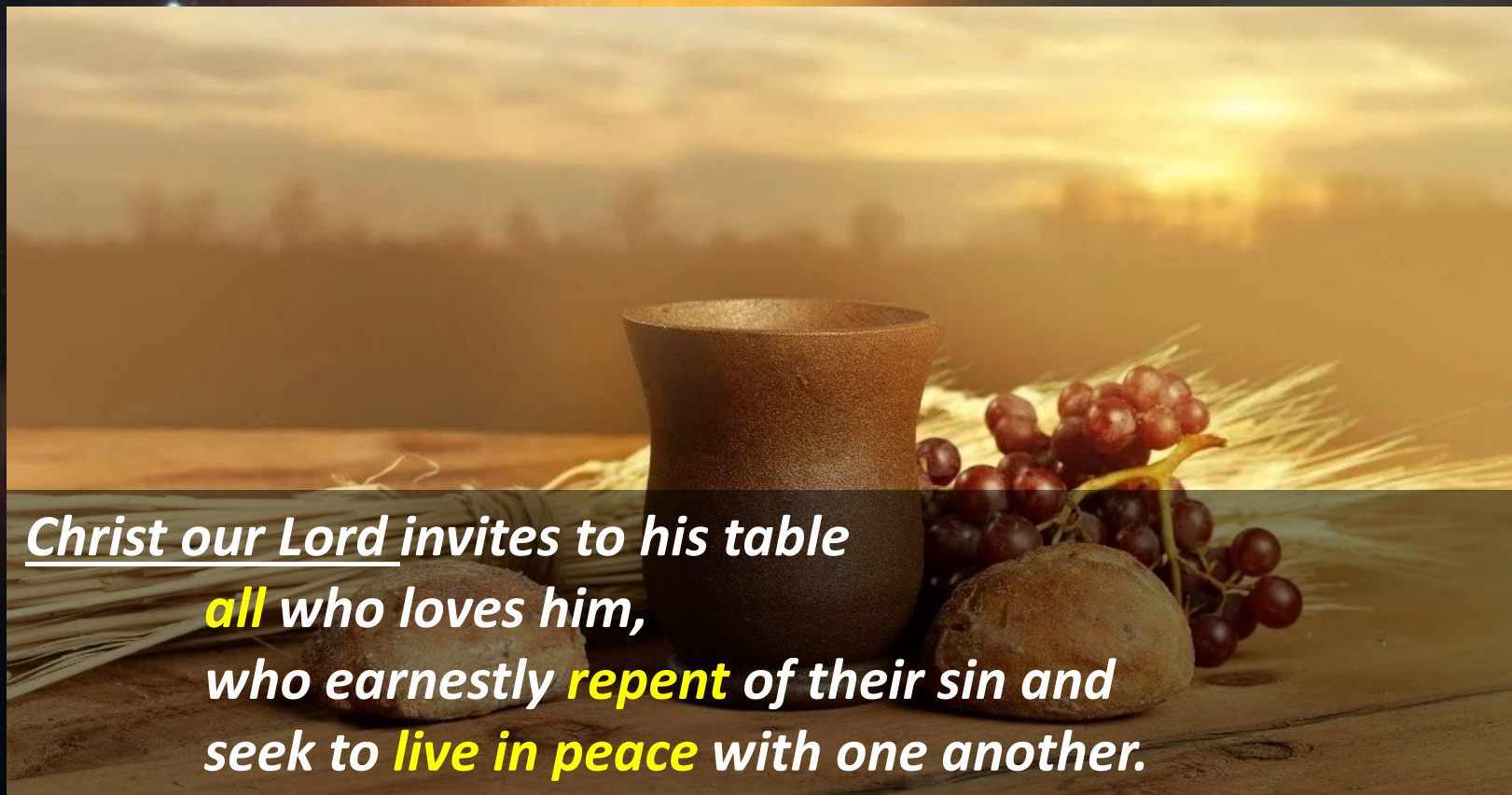
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*Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.  
Isaiah 55:2*

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Christ our Lord invites to his table  
**all** who loves him,  
who earnestly **repent** of their sin and  
seek to **live in peace** with one another.

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