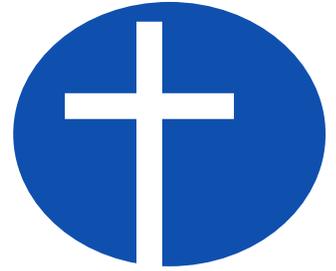


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Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter.

Income Taxes and Tax Day

As taxpayers, we all seem to moan and groan around the 15th of April. Taxes, which are the main source of federal, state and local government revenues, pay for buildings, public education, highways, airplanes, rockets, road signs, and the salaries of millions of government employees. Taxes are an important aspect of nearly every person's life. Your paycheck is adjusted for taxes. Only without governments would there be no taxes; therefore, without taxes there would be no governments. Taxation is one of the several ways by which governments raise money to pay for the goods and services that they are called on to provide.

Although unpopular (and many may argue, unfair), taxes are a necessity. The standard of living of a modern society demands it; governments must collect the revenues in order to provide the goods and services that their citizens need, want and demand.

The Creation of Tax Day

Congress named March 1, 1914 as the 1st Tax Day. This about one year after the passing of the 16th Amendment which allowed for the collection of income taxes. Before this, the government raised its money through taxes on various other items, but not on personal income. But now the government as having to pay for a war- WWI. New monies were needed to fund the government and income taxes were the way.

Tax Day was moved to March 15th in 1918 and then finally to April 15th in 1955. Officially the move was made to ease the burden of the IRS but most have speculated the reason for the later date was so that the government could collect interest longer on the excess payroll tax money that it was to have to refund to the taxpayers.

Answer to March Trivia question: Moses (Numbers 12:3)

Upcoming Events

- April 3rd- 1st Sunday Meal
 - Voting on "Logo for Loco" Contest
- April 11th or 12th- WMU meeting (contact Mary Goldman for confirmed date)
- April 16th- Skeet Shoot at 2pm with Pancake Supper
- April 24th- Brotherhood

April is the month often associated with taxes. It is on April 15th that our income tax returns should be prepared and filed with the IRS.

What does the Bible say about paying taxes? Jesus spoke several times about this.

For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due; taxes to whom taxes are due, custom to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Romans 13:6-7 NKJV

Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said unto them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:17-21 NKJV

Trivia question: John the Baptist lived off the land. What did he eat? (answer in next month's newsletter)