

Wonderful Guideline for Decisions

A few days before Jesus was to be crucified, he gave an important principle which can help in times of difficult decisions.

Religious leaders deceptively trying to trap Jesus asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar (the Roman Emperor). Jesus silenced them with his famous reply:

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

This succinct, powerful statement is wonderfully helpful when we are faced with how to respond to various difficult situations.

What "belongs to Caesar" is our duty as responsible citizens, employees, family members, or a thousand other situations we may face. What "belongs to God" is our worship and putting him first in our lives.



Coffee/tea thought:. Lord God, please keep me from having any other gods before you (Exodus 20.3). I want to give you what belongs to you -- my worship of you above all else.

John

Ref: Matt. 22.15-22

美妙的抉擇指南

在耶穌將被釘十字架的前幾天，他給了一個重要的原則，可以幫助我們在兩難中做抉擇。

當時的宗教領袖想就著耶穌的話陷害他，詭詐地問耶穌說，納稅給該撒（羅馬皇帝）是否合法。耶穌用他著名的回答使他們啞口無言：

“該撒的物當歸給該撒；神的物當歸給神。”

當我們面對各種困難的局面，不知該如何應對時，這種簡潔而有力的陳述非常有用。

“屬於該撒的”是做為一個負責的公民，員工，家庭成員，或其他千百種可能面臨的情況，我們所該負的責任。“屬於神的”是我們的敬拜，並把祂放在我們生活中的首位。



隨想：主啊，求你幫助我除你以外，別無他神（出埃及記 20:3）。我要把屬於你的歸給你 — 我敬拜你高於一切。

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參考：馬太福音 22:15-22