

## *What God Says About* **Paying Taxes**

It seems today that many people have divided the law into two kinds of mandates . . . those that are “victimizing,” and those that are “victimless.” The social stigma in victimless crime has become reduced to a level of minor irritation. Party chatter among friends often allows the boasting of people who are successful at beating the system in the practice of these victimless activities.

Is there such a thing as error without casualty? In God’s economy, such reasoning is the stuff of fools. Though “beating the IRS” is in vogue among the upscale, God is a real hard-liner on the subject of taxes.

There is no solid argument for the person who believes in his unalienable right to beat the system. If Jesus was here today (and He is!), what would His position be on the subject of paying taxes? Just what would God say about the IRS?

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### ▪ **Principles for Paying Taxes**

1. **He takes full responsibility for the government and its tax practices.**  
*Romans 13:1-2*
2. **He expects you to pay your taxes in spite of your opinions about the integrity of government.**  
*Romans 13:5-7*
3. **He considers the discussion of dissension to be rebellion against Him.**  
*Proverbs 28:4*
4. **He will turn a deaf ear to the prayers of those who protest taxation.**  
*Proverbs 28:9*

5. **He intends to win people to Himself through your example of submission to them.**

*1 Peter 2:13-15*

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