

Sermon Notes

Maybe Sacrifice Your Rights for Your Witness

Matthew 17:24-27

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

The collectors of the two-drachmas for the Jewish temple

Analogy of the kings of the earth collecting taxes

Conclusion: the kings' sons are exempt from taxes

Implied application: the sons of God are exempt from the two-drachmas contribution

Simon was different because of his relationship with Jesus.

A true child of God

Had a mission, as a representative of Jesus/God

In order that the collectors may not be caused to stumble, they would give up their rights (to exemption).

Sometimes we may need to give up our rights, in order to represent Jesus well.

Supernatural provision for the money to make the offering

God provides for the giving He wants us to do.

Suggested reading: 2 Corinthians 9:7-11

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

**Application questions for 6-22-2014 sermon
Matthew 17:24-27**

Do you think about that part of what your new life in Christ means is you have a mission to represent Him?

The main principle from the passage was, **sometimes we may need to give up our rights, to represent Jesus well.**

Do you have a situation right now with a non-believer where you may need to consider that principle?

If so, how might that principle affect your situation?

If you don't have a situation right now to apply that principle, how do you think you might anchor it in your mind so that you may be able to draw upon it next time you do get in a situation?

The other principle, illustrated by the passage was, **God provides for the giving He wants us to do.**
Is that a new principle to you?

What does that mean to you?

Do you make a regular practice of asking God what He wants you to give?

How does that work with you?

If you read 2 Corinthians 9:7-11, what did you learn from that?

Bonus: Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?