

Mark 12:13 - 17

Church and State... The Divine Balance

13 Then they *sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. 14 They *came and

Two Polar opposite Parties..

to lure him into an irresolvable position

*said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to

Their lure

Caesar, or not? 15 Shall we pay or shall we not pay?" But He,

*Pharisees SAID NO
Herodians SAID YES*

knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "**Why are you testing**

either way He will be condemned

Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at." 16 They brought one.

Jesus sees the heart

Meaning, "why are you asking? Look at a coin and you will know"

And He *said to them, "**Whose likeness and inscription is this?**" And they said to Him, "Caesar's." 17 And Jesus said to

*i.e. "who is in charge?"
"who has God placed over you?"*

them, "**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to**

"honor the powers that be"

God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at

But the souls of man belong to God.. honor God.. Him.