Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's

Recorded in three gospels Matthew 22:17-21, Mark 12:14-17 and Luke 20:22-25.

²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? ²³ But He perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye Me? ²⁴ Show Me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. ²⁵ And He said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's, Luke 20:22-25.

This truth that Jesus spoke is as valid today as it was two thousand years ago.

"<u>Give unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's</u>" today refers to the governing authorizes of the world's system. therefore we can read this as: Give unto the government authorities what is of the the world's system and give unto God what is God's

When we apply the following scripture in Romans; "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God," Romans 12:2. We see that there must be a separation between the things of the world and the things of God. However, we also should not neglect being part of one for another.

Jesus made this clear to us in <u>Matthew 17:24-27</u>, concerning paying taxes, when He replied to Peter that the children of the kingdom were not under the laws of the world's system, nevertheless, lest we should offend them, pay the taxes for you and me.

Things that belong or are part of the world system are:

Money and all the material things on the earth.

Things that belong to God are:

- We are: we are made in God's own image, Genesis 1:26-28.
- For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's, 1st Corinthians 6:20.
- For we also have God's Holy Spirit, 1st Corinthians 6:19.

Thus, we are to dedicate ourselves to God and glorify Him! Our praise should not be due to our worldly possessions or of our great accomplishments, realizing that it is God who sustains and continue provides for us. Praise God.

