

50 Commands of Christ - 10 - (#38-39)

38. Bring in the poor—*Luke 14:12-14*

In Luke 12-14, Jesus advises his host to invite people to dinner who cannot repay him. What do you think of this advice?

Should you exclude people from your celebrations who can or you might expect to invite you to one of their celebrations?

Does inviting people who can't repay you include people who are poor because they are lazy, moochers, or poor by choice?

There are two main points in the who-to-invite story. They are?

My wife doesn't like mixing guests at a party (people from church, neighbors, MV club members, co-workers, ESL friends, family, etc.). What do you think of this?

39. Render unto Caesar—*Matthew 22:19-21*

In response to the Pharisees' question in Verse 17, suppose Jesus had said, "No, we should never give tribute unto Caesar. Don't pay your taxes!" If he had said this, what could His enemies have done? Would the Roman authorities be happy to hear about a Jewish teacher telling the people not to pay their taxes?

What do you think Jesus called us to do when he said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

How can we "give to Caesar" today? What is our responsibility to our government and to our leaders? What should we do to them and for them? Do they deserve our respect and loyalty (*1 Peter 2:13-14, 17*)? Should we pray for them (*1 Timothy 2:1-3*)? Why? Should we pay our taxes? What has your country given to you? What should you give back to your country? Are you thankful for servicemen who have fought and died so you can freely worship God?

What is our responsibility to God? Should we read His Word? What kind of person should you be before God? As a responsible believer, what duties should you carry out? What spiritual responsibilities do you have? What has God done for you or given to you? What have you done for God or given back to God?