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Today is Yours

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry; two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension

One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.

This leaves only one day—today. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of these two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives men mad—it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore, live but one day at a time.

Jesus said: "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matt. 6:34)..

It's Nearly That Time Again

Every year April 15 looms before every taxpaying citizen bringing anxieties, unpleasant thoughts, and often disgust. When our legislators can vote themselves double pay, when we see the waste and profligacy (not to mention dishonesty) in government spending it is rather easy to look at tax paying as something we all could do without.

God's people must obey the laws of the land. Paying taxes is part of being a citizen in this nation. Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1). Citizens must submit to civil law. Paul added, "For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due; taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor" (verses 6, 7).

It may be more than a coincidence that Paul did not say pay taxes to those you honor, simply pay your taxes to whom they are due --then honor those who are due honor. At any rate, taxpaying time is upon us.

One of the benefits our governing authorities allow as a tax deduction is contribution to charitable and religious non-profit organizations. This is why your contributions to the work of the Lord are deductible. What we give annually should always be reported accurately on our tax returns.

The tax consultants say, "Among the qualified organizations are churches, synagogues, non-profit hospitals and Schools" among other things. They also advise, "To verify your cash contributions, keep your canceled checks, receipts, or a written record." What we give annually should represent what deep in our hearts we want the Lord to have -- and that simply means that it is to be used by His church for His work.

There was a time among the Jews when they became cold and indifferent about their offerings. Here is the description given by Malachi (given in Today's English Version). "When you bring a blind or sick or lame animal to sacrifice to me, do you think there's



nothing wrong with that? Try giving an animal like that to the governor! Would he be pleased with you or grant you any favors?" (Mal. 1:8). Few there be who give more to the cause of Christ than they pay the government in taxes, but the principle is simple. If one pays taxes on the same basis as one gives to the cause of Christ, some might end up behind bars.

This all should remind us that our obligations have a priority. Paying taxes comes behind giving to the Lord in that list. Giving to the cause of Christ accomplishes a far greater work than all the governments in existence could ever do. Consider this as you begin your preparations for filling out your returns this year.

And, we should remember the words of the Lord, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-20)

Man should not consider his outward possessions as his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need. -Aquinas



1 Peter 2:13-14 - "Be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well."

