

“And they sent out unto [Jesus] their disciples with the Herodians, saying, ‘Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in Truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest Thou? Is it lawful to give tribute (taxes) unto Caesar, or not?’ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, ‘Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money.’ And they



brought unto Him a penny. And He saith unto them, ‘Whose is this image and superscription?’ They say unto Him, ‘Caesar's.’ Then saith He unto them, ‘Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God The Things That Are God's.” Matthew 22:16-21 KJV

What really belongs to God? As far as man is concerned, *“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN.”* We allow government to take over twenty five percent of our wages for fear of their reprisal, but never blink an eye about robbing God of His tithe! We fear man more than God! Technically, even your taxes are God's, but more importantly, you belong to Him. Not a despairing but a Blessed thought when you are called His child and friend. When you are thinking of a friend or loved one, or spending time with them, do you consider it robbery or pleasure?

A child of God is what I am,
Protected by His Might I stand,
I have not aught, but by His Grace,
And I will see His Blessed Face! –CGP

Is God a robber or a pleasure? What are you withholding from God that is rightfully His? He Loves you so much that He gives you the freedom to love Him by your own choice and will! Will you?

“And we have known and believed the Love that God hath to us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in Love. We Love Him, because He first Loved us.” 1 John 4:16-19 KJV