

A Look at Personal Rights

Matthew 17:24-27

(series #100)

Intro: some of the cautions about living in the U.S.A.

- A consumerism way of thinking

- An obsession with rights (1 Corinthians 9:12)

I. The Question from the Tax Collectors v. 24

A. It was not a genuine question

B. It was an attempt to trap Jesus

II. The Question from Jesus to Peter v. 25

A. Peter's reply to the tax collectors

B. The lessons Jesus was pressing

1. You are still under human authority

2. Don't cause an unnecessary offense

III. The Position of Jesus v. 26

A. As the son of God, He was exempt

B. He willingly set aside His rights

1. 2nd Corinthians 6:3

2. Matthew 5:38-42

IV. The Reinforcement of the Lesson v. 27

Conclusion: Peter got it! - 1st Peter 2:13-15