

## The Book of Mark:

### The 4 Problems of Politics in the Church

*Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. <sup>14</sup> They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay or shouldn't we?"*

*But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." <sup>16</sup> They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"*

*"Caesar's," they replied.*

*<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.*

*Mark 12:13-17 (NIV)*

**Danger #1: People \_\_\_\_\_ politics.**

**Danger #2: In Politics, people are the \_\_\_\_\_ in the quest for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Danger #3: In Politics, \_\_\_\_\_ are more important than \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Danger #4: Politics make it about the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,<sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

*James 1:19-20 (NIV)*

*"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.*

*Acts 15:19 (NIV)*

*The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,  
But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.*

*Proverbs 15:28 (NASB)*