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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
Greater Hartford Chapter  
Mitchell's Coffee House  
April 7, 2010**

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- "Popcorn" testimony
- Today's Topic: **TITHES & TAXES: Where are you at today?**

*"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 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. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way."* Matthew 22:16b-22



Next Thursday, April 15 is the 2009 State and Federal tax return deadline. For us, paying taxes isn't just an annual ritual. As business owners, we're very used to paying many local, state and federal taxes on a frequent basis. The average person on the street has no clue what we go through!

—In a sense, the tithe is a "flat income tax" on believers. How do you feel about tithes and offerings? Do you render unto God what is God's?

—As citizens of our local towns, our State, and the USA, should we pay our taxes? What did Jesus say?

—In the Big Picture, our Founding Fathers understood that freedom came with personal responsibility. There's an inverse correlation between our capacity to govern ourselves internally and the need for external government. Are we (us individually and as organizations) contributing to our government debt problems through our core motives, desires and behavior? Are we guilty of "milking the system?" People on all ends of the socioeconomic spectrum play the system. Are you?

—Can we dig out of our debt? Should we dig out of our debt? How do we dig out of our debt? What can we do to be salt and light today and in the future?

- Next FCCI meeting here on Wednesday, April 21 @ 7:30 am.
- Upcoming news/events
- Closing prayer