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That is my wish for the coming year. I wish for a year filled with peace, unity and a return to the values of God and country. We are not perfect but we are the best around.

Friday, March 06, Peace Corps Wages and Benefits By definition, the word volunteer implies that you are doing something for free and are not paid for the work you provide. As a Peace Corps volunteer, I am prohibited from accepting money for any services that I provide, but it would not be true to say that I work for free. I am provided with a house and enough money to buy food and other necessities. The stipend I receive is supposed to allow me to live at approximately the same level as a typical Host Country National and I live comfortably, though certainly not at the level to which most Americans are accustomed. Housing Arrangements In Tonga, each organization that hosts a Peace Corps volunteer is responsible for providing a house for that volunteer. The house must have locking doors and windows, a bed, a table with at least two chairs and fresh water must be available within a reasonable distance of the house. Sometimes, this means the volunteer will live on a school campus or in a house owned by the organization or by someone who works for the organization. In my case, my organization, The Tonga Development Bank, pays to rent a house for me. And by Peace Corps standards, I have a really nice house. Previously, I was paying those bills myself. That amount is fixed by Peace Corps headquarters for all volunteers worldwide. The amount of the stipend varies in each Peace Corps country. The vacation leave allowance and a portion of our stipend are considered taxable income. And this year it came with an extra surprise. Since I was not eligible for the Stimulus Program last year when I was still working for a good portion of the year, I found out I can get it this year. I have not tapped into any money from home to use in Tonga, even though I have ordered a few things and had them shipped to me. We pay more for everything here than anywhere else in Tonga. But part of being a volunteer is living with and like the Tongans. Peace Corps Volunteers meet the King Six Peace Corps volunteers who live on the main island of Tongatapu had a chance to meet and talk with the King of Tonga this week. You might think that in a country the size of Tonga, that would not be uncommon. My friend Scot was one of the volunteers who got invited to meet the King and I encourage you to read the description of the visit that he has posted on his blog: The King, George Tupou V, is wearing the light colored gray pants and black vest. Scot is pictured on the far left in the red tie. Heather and Blake are on the far right of the photo. Posted by Steve Hunsicker at

Chapter 2 : The Christian and Taxes

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Is there really a God? How can He help you? God is real, and when you trust in Him, He promises to be with you always. The Bible says in Psalm Turn to Him today. Step 1 â€” God loves you and has a plan for you! Step 2 â€” Man is sinful and separated from God. The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God Romans 6: Step 3 â€” God sent His Son to die for your sins! Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. He rose again and still lives! Jesus is the only way to God. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior: I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 3 : Peace Quotes (quotes)

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Intercession For Our Land Dear God, give the leaders of this nation the wisdom and integrity to lead our nation in the best direction, where You are put in Your rightful position - and give each one discernment I pray, when making decisions or drawing up the legislation and laws that they pass - and may the decisions that they reach be godly and wise. I pray also that You would protect our nation from other peoples that may seek to enter our borders, uninvited and ask that You would be with us and keep our roads, ports, borders and crossings safe and uncompromised. As the days become increasingly dark in our country I pray that the light of Your love will shine on this land. May peace reign in our nation and protect us from those that would seek our downfall, I pray. I really thank You that you have placed me in this land and I am grateful that I am a citizen of this nation " but I know that my home is in heaven, Amen Prayer For The Leaders Of All Nations Lord, I come to You today to pray for the nations of the world and their leaders and governors. Whether a nation is governed by a king or queen; a prince or president, a prime minister or some other form of governance, we pray for each one " that they may fulfil Your plans and Your purposes, in whatever they do - in their lands. We ask Your blessing on those that are seeking to follow Your ways and we pray for Your pity and mercy on those that are deliberately defying You as the Creator God. Lord we know that You are the One that places rulers in their high positions of honour and You are also the one that removes leaders from their elevated perches " and we pray that in Your grace and mercy You would look down on the nations of the world and intervene with those that are severely oppressing their own people. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and whether at a national level or in local governance, we pray Your blessing on those men and women that are seeking to follow Your way, as they implement their authority " but Lord we also know that the opposite is true and that those who defy the living God will come to no good! Have pity Lord and convict the leaders of our nations to turn to You - and protect the people that are having to live in nations with a corrupt or evil government - and may the Lord Jesus Himself return very soon to set up His perfect kingdom in this world " when the earth will be filled with a true knowledge of You, in Jesus name we pray, Amen Prayer For Our Own Nation Lord we pray for our nation and ask that You would look down on us in pity and mercy. Forgive us for the way that we have turned our backs on You in so many ways and bring us back as a people who seek to follow the ways of justice and peace. Keep our land free from war and aggressions " from winds and earthquakes " from fear and confusion and from other things that can cause hurt and fear and confusion.. Be close to all our leaders and governors and give them wisdom and discernment as they rule this nation and I pray that the decisions that they make may be wise " and Lord that our nation would turn to You for Your wisdom and Your strength. Be with all those that are oppressed and downtrodden and especially those that do not know You as their Saviour " may there be many that come to know You as their saviour in this my country. We pray that the gospel may one day be preached in this land from shore to shore - openly and truthfully, and keep us from compromising Your word of truth. Restore to this nation the joy of Your salvation and bring many to a faith in the Lord Jesus as Saviour we pray " in His name, Amen Prayer The Freedom In My Country Loving Father, I thank You that I have been privileged to grow up in this country and although many of our standards are being eroded I thank You that for so long we have enjoyed the liberty and blessings we have received from Your hand in this land. Thank You for the for my country Lord, and for my family and friends and the freedom that we have enjoyed up to now! Keep Your hand on this my nation and give our leaders wisdom to see Your ways and to look to You for the direction that we, as a nation, need to go. But also Lord help me to hold to the things of this world lightly, knowing that my true citizenship is in heaven.. Provide for those that are in need, feed those that are hungry, comfort those that are sorrowing, heal those that are sick and bring those that do not know You as their Saviour into a close and personal walk with Yourself, I pray " in Jesus name, Amen Prayer For Revival In Our Land Loving Lord Jesus, it saddens me to see the way that the gospel of Jesus Christ " is being so compromised in our land. As a nation we seem to

have moved so far from the true gospel of grace and our churches and fellowships seem to be embracing many alternative and compromised teachings that are not true to Your word. Revive this land I pray. Stir up the hearts of those that have come to trust in Jesus Christ but who have been enticed to follow a different gospel or who have chosen to walk the way of compromised or embrace a different type of teaching. Let those that are Your blood-bought children be stirred in their hearts to seek the truth and to draw ever closer to the Lord Jesus " and Lord for those who once trusted You but have now wandered far away -I pray that You will speak to their hearts, revive their spirit and draw them back into close fellowship with Yourself " revive this land, I pray - in Jesus name, Amen.

The Christian and Taxes. BIBLE CHRISTIAN "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Getty Images Taxes got you feeling blue? Here are a slew of famous and not so famous quotes to make your tax season a bit less taxing. Note, besides, that it is no more immoral to directly rob citizens than to slip indirect taxes into the price of goods that they cannot do without. A tax is a fine for doing something right. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly. The laws are written by staff tax nerds who can put pretty much any wording they want in there. I bet that if you actually read the entire vastness of the U. These are Republican constituencies. This money must necessarily be levied on the people; and the grand art consists of levying so as not to oppress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages. The only thing I have control over is my response to these things. I never knew a tax that was not odious and unpopular with the people who paid it. It is because those in authority eat up too much in taxes. Only the little people pay taxes. We need new taxpayers, people that are gainfully employed, making money and paying into the tax system. I find it patriotic. The taxidermist takes only your skin. Without benefit of divinity, modern men of similar persuasion draft provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Section is their triumph. In theory, taxes should be like shopping. What I buy is government services. What I pay are my taxes.: The market place abounds with unsound avoidance schemes which will not stand the test of objective analysis and litigation. Higher taxes are a price that we pay for greater success. This passive approach becomes something of a self-fulfilling prophecy; where people believe that they lack control, they seldom try to assert control. It can make you shoot at tax collectors The Founding Fathers never intended a nation where citizens would pay nearly half of everything they earn to the government. Income taxes are responsible for the transformation of the Federal government from one of limited powers into a vast leviathan whose tentacles reach into almost every aspect of American life. If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. If it benefits you, it is tax reform. Please remove my name from your mailing list. A post card that would say, in effect, having a wonderful time; glad most of my money is here. It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without tribute. War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end; it has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes. That is one of the few things that might discourage politicians from being big spenders. But I think that people at the high end--people like myself--should be paying a lot more in taxes. Treasury with nothing and that was the closest our country has ever been to being even. Apr 13, Like this column?

Chapter 5 : Prayers for Our Country

God is real, and when you trust in Him, He promises to be with you always. The Bible says in Psalm , "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Let Him share your burdens and reveal His purpose for you.

If we will trust Him and receive His peace, then all worry, fear, and anguish will fade from our minds and hearts. Mother Teresa No circumstance is so big that He cannot control it. Jerry Bridges 16 The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace. True wisdom is never argumentative or quarrelsome. It does not strive. It maintains harmonious relationships with everyone, as far as possible. It is impossible to quarrel with a man who is filled with Divine wisdom, for such a man is a peaceable man. Zac Poonen As we pour out our bitterness, God pours in his peace. Meyer 14 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. Martin Luther 12 We must do our business faithfully; without trouble or disquiet, recalling our mind to GOD mildly, and with tranquility, as often as we find it wandering from Him. Brother Lawrence 11 If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me. Robert Murray McCheyne 10 As long as a man is alive and out of hell, he cannot have any cause to complain. Charles Spurgeon 9 We cannot enjoy peace in this world unless we are ready to yield to the will of God in respect of death. Our times are in His hand, at His sovereign disposal. We must accept that as best. John Owen 8 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble. Thomas Watson 6 Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world. Paul Chappell 5 Peace comes when there is no cloud between us and God. Brent A born-again person ought to possess unspeakable peace in the spirit. Watchman Nee 3 Real contentment must come from within. You and I cannot change or control the world around us, but we can change and control the world within us. Woodrow Kroll 1 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Take these words with you, today and every day, and go in peace.

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Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. They know obeying civil authorities is the will of God. They never use their gospel liberty to cheat government or give the gospel a bad name. They pray for their rulers and trust their King, the Lord Jesus Christ. They use every benefit or privilege the government offers, knowing God sent it for them. They despise patriots and their reprobate games. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption. Conspiracies interest them more than Jesus Christ. They despise government, speak evil of dignities, and are arrogantly selfwilled. The New Testament has no patriots, and not even angels rail on the worst human rulers. They have no Bible for their actions. They are ignorant beasts that do not know what they talk about and will drown in their folly. Due to their obligation to be continually about the business of ruling, governments must rely on revenue from their subjects Rom There is actually little difference between governments raising revenue to be about their business of ruling and the Levites, priests, and New Testament ministers raising revenue to be about their business of religion I Cor 9: Neither John the Baptist nor Jesus Christ rebuked the tax collectors of their day for their profession: The Lord Jesus Christ understood and taught that part of the circulating currency obviously belonged to Caesar Matt Taxes Are a Personal and Painful Result of Government The taking of money by force for persons or programs either distant or disagreeable is a difficult aspect of submission to civil authority, but one you must accept I Sam 8: The love of money is the root of all evil, which causes many to chafe and complain and conspire against taxes and the taxing authority out of sheer covetousness and greed I Tim 6: This is the reason you seldom actually never see so-called patriots using lawful means to bring about change. They do not have a matter of law or principle at stake; they have their all-important toys at stake. Men are hateful rebels by nature Titus 3: But we are to submit out of conscience toward God I Peter 2: Taxes Are the Duty of Christians Paul taught the saints in Rome to submit to their pagan government and pay the taxes Rom If you have not met a patriot-anarchist, you likely cannot believe some apply this text to pastors! This passage plainly teaches that God ordained civil authority and Christians must submit to it. The "powers that be" at that time was the Roman Empire, the de facto government of the known world, regardless of what a national constitution might have said to the contrary, regardless of what nationalistic patriots might have thought of their iron-shod conquerors. God had prophesied of this great empire centuries before Dan 2: To resist a government is to resist the ordinance of God, for God ordained it and installed it. For any other form of taxation, Bible Christians in Rome were ordered to pay all their "dues. What is due to a government has no relation to what you think they deserve or need. What is due to a government has no relation at all to your interpretation of any law. What is due is what they expect, whether they have justified it sufficiently to you or not. The Jews had some decent constitutional rights "based on the Old Testament Scriptures! As Christians, they had even greater rights: The Romans did not use the money in any godly way. Check out Roman history. And Paul wrote these instructions after the Christians knew that Rome had crucified Christ! Why should Christians pay taxes to a pagan government? Because they were the de facto government of the world by the ordaining power of the sovereign God of heaven! There are two principal reasons for this submission of "free" Christians to a pagan ruling power. For conscience sake of obeying God, Who ordained civil power and installed the Romans. But notice carefully the singular "this cause" of Romans Pay taxes to please God! Peter taught that true Christians obey every ordinance of man, including tax laws I Peter 2: Obeying a pagan government and paying taxes is well doing and the will of God by this passage. They know they have no right to use their freedom in Christ to be malicious to civil authorities. They submit as the servants of God without exercising their divine freedom as

the sons of God. The fear of God and honoring the king go together. God commands it, and He ordained the king. There is no way around these very plain verses, but rebellious "patriots" will defy Jesus the Lord. Paul told Titus to teach Christians to be subject to government and obey its demands Titus 3: This doctrine of Christ is part of the process of renewing our minds to please God Rom Subjection and obedience to civil government, offices high and low, is a good Christian work. It is impossible to be a Christian and not pay taxes in subjection and obedience to government. Faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ are ordered by this passage to preach paying of taxes. Joseph and Mary paid tribute "an unlawful tax of a usurping conqueror" to Rome Luke 2: He did not owe Rome money! The law was on his side! Joseph was a Jew! From the tribe of Judah! Taking Mary when she was due to deliver was a clear violation of human rights! The Holy Spirit tells us Joseph was a just man: If someone objects that this is a minor Bible issue, they are very wrong on two important counts. There is much written against civil rebellion in the Bible, which only the willfully blind miss; and some of the strongest language in the New Testament is reserved for anti-government rebels. Even if civil rebellion were the least commandment, faithful saints do and teach it Matt 5: It is an order from the apostle to the Gentiles that bishops teach saints to pay taxes Titus 3: Jesus Christ Required Taxes to Caesar The Lord Jesus Christ settled the tax issue once and for all years ago, when He confirmed the legitimacy of de facto governments and the sovereignty of the monetary authority Matt Consider the two parties that came together to trap Jesus Christ in a political and tax controversy. Bible Christians never give their enemies anything to work with Acts The Herodians were most likely a group loyal to Herod that supported tribute to Caesar, by whom Herod had his appointment as tetrarch of Galilee, including some "royal" prerogatives. The Pharisees were the most conservative Jewish sect and despised paying tribute to a foreign conqueror, though most had not gone as far as the Zealots in taking up arms against Rome. If Jesus said taxes were not due Caesar, the Herodians would be on Him for civil disobedience. This is precisely how patriot-anarchists think "their interpretation of the U. Constitution frees them from the IRS. If you have never heard their arguments, you are missing a great joke! The Pharisees and Herodians were waiting for Him to appeal to the Jewish Old Testament or the de facto rights of conquerors, respectively. The opposing party would then condemn Him. There were plenty of references in the Old Testament to give the Jews legal rights and divine courage against Rome and Caesar and Herod Gen If men have ever had a "lawful" argument against taxes, then it was right here with the Jews, who could appeal to the Old Testament and despise the pagan tyranny of the Roman power. Legal quibbling over such things is rebellion, sedition, treason, and variance, for citizens have no more right to question government than children do parents and wives husbands Prov The Jews were fiercely rebellious, as there was a faction called Zealots that wanted to restore their constitutional government and throw off Rome by force; they were perfectly comparable to the patriot-anarchists of today Luke Jesus had the perfect opportunity right here to a take a stand, b be a patriot, c put his country before his comfort and security, d support "principle," and e oppose tyranny. But He did not! The Lord Jesus Christ asked to see their money, establishing at least two points of political doctrine. He avoided all the worthless wrangling and questions about the legality of this or that, which is merely the caviling of children not wanting to take a nap when their nanny tells them to. When considering the importance of circulating money and its political implications, remember the seriousness of counterfeiting as a crime, the degree of rule and dominion evidenced by tribute, and the images and inscriptions of the conquering rulers on the coinage The control of a people is best done by economic power, and it provides the greatest benefits. Jesus did not answer their foolish question designed to trap Him. He asked for their money, and then He asked whose image and inscription was on the money though He already knew! His two questions and application prove a the legitimacy of de facto governments in the site of God and b the sovereignty of a monetary and governing authority by the circulating money. A basic argument of modern tax protesters is the unconstitutionality of the income tax and the IRS. Arguing about the legality of the income tax or the IRS is a total waste of time for Christians, and it is sedition anyway! Even a "patriot" knows what he would do to children doing the same! The Lord Jesus Christ brilliantly went past such wicked squabbling to the only issue that counts. When dealing with patriot-anarchists, simple ask to see their money, just as Jesus Christ asked. What money do patriot-anarchists use? Use of Federal Reserve Notes is an admission of a de facto government over the U.

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"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.

Chapter 9 : Prayers for National Concerns: Our Country

This page lists state and national mottos for the world's nations. The mottos for some states lacking general international recognition, extinct states, non sovereign nations, and territories are listed, but their names are not bolded.