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Trapped in Work  
Matthew 22:15-22

When do you feel trapped? What makes you feel trapped?

The Keys that Release the Traps of Life:

## I. Know how the trap is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mt. 22:15-18 *Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. 16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. 17 Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?*

- What's behind your feeling of being trapped?
- Not all traps are malicious.
  - Some traps
  - Some traps
  - Some traps

## II. Know how the trap is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mt. 22:18-21a *But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's."*

Background about bait:

- Poll-tax –
- Roman denarius –
- Image and inscription –

## III. Know how the trap is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mt. 22:21-22 *They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." 22 And hearing this, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.*

Point:



## Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What makes you feel trapped in life? At Work? At School? In your relationships? In your finances? With your children? With your parents?
2. How can you prepare yourself to recognize those traps?
3. How can you better recognize the bait (alluring fantasy that I can handle this situation on my own)?
4. How does knowing that God owns it all free you from the traps you experience in life?

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