

Cheerful Obedience: IRS Experiment

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SUMMARY

The discussion humorously explores the unrealistic expectations of the IRS demanding immediate tax filing with a positive attitude. The speakers reflect on the stress and annoyance such demands can create, highlighting the disconnect between bureaucratic requests and personal priorities.

- *The IRS's demand for immediate tax filing can feel intrusive and disrespectful of personal time.*
- *Many people experience anxiety about meeting such demands perfectly.*
- *There's a contrast between the IRS's urgency and individuals' willingness to comply joyfully.*
- *The conversation suggests that if someone can meet these demands with enthusiasm, they might have a talent for accounting.*
- *The humor in the situation underscores the absurdity of expecting compliance with a "happy heart."*

Just imagine for a second, >> okay, >> that you got a phone call from the IRS, >> uh, >> oh, >> and they say, "Hey, actually, you need to file your taxes early. In fact, drop what you're doing. File right now, completing all the forms correctly, and with a happy heart." [laughter] >> A happy heart, huh? >> Yeah. So, my guess is that you're either annoyed because this demand is not respecting your time or you just don't care about it as much as they do.

>> Yeah. [snorts] >> Um you might feel anxious because you do want to do the right thing but like perfectly. [laughter] Or if you're really determined, okay, I can do all that. I c I can do all the job, but it's going to take me a while to find joy in obeying this one. [snorts] Oo. >> And I would say if you can meet all those objectives, then you should probably ask the IRS for a job. Maybe your local accounting firm. I don't know. Um there you're you're got a special gift in that.

>> I love that. I love that, Katie, because I don't want to drop what I'm doing and go run off and do exactly what the IRS says in in their timeline, in their time frame, and to expect that I would do it with a happy heart. >> Wow. >> It's a big ask. We're asking [music] with that one. >> [music]