

SOCIALISM IS THEFT

10/20/18

- * Today, I have the opportunity to give two presentations
 - * First message was -- "Giving is Biblical"
 - * This Second message is -- "Socialism is Theft"
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- * In our society today, the statement ("Socialism is Theft") influences much political discussion and debate
 - * However, in this sermon we are not looking at the statement ("Socialism is Theft") from a political perspective
 - * My purpose is to look at facts and truth -- So, let's look at how socialists describe socialism
 - * The concept of socialism is often associated with the phrase -- "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs"
 - * According to Wikipedia: [That phrase] is a slogan popularised [sic] by Karl Marx in his 1875 *Critique of the Gotha Program*. The principle refers to free access and distribution of goods, capital and services. In the Marxist view, such an arrangement will be made possible by the abundance of goods and services that a developed communist system will produce; the idea is that, with the full development of socialism and unfettered productive forces, there will be enough to satisfy everyone's needs."
 - * Wikipedia later continued: (1) Nothing in society will belong to anyone, either as a personal possession or as a capital goods, except the things for which the person has immediate use, for either his needs, his pleasures, or his daily work. (2) Every citizen will be a public man, sustained by, supported by, and occupied at the public expense. (3) Every citizen will make his particular contribution to the activities of the community according to his capacity, his talent and his age; it is on this basis that his duties will be determined, in conformity with the distribution laws."
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- * No private property
 - * Abolition of the profit incentive
 - * Decreases the importance of actions and consequences
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- * I believe that there are 7 Myths about Democratic Socialism
- * At this time, I want to show a 20-video discussing what is called "7 Myths about Democratic Socialism"

- * Video clip of a presentation by Ben Shapiro -- who is writer and lecturer
- * Here is some Background information about Ben Shapiro
 - writer
 - lecturer -- especially on college campuses
 - Jewish -- heritage and religion
 - Age -- in his early 30s
 - "Libertarian concerning government"
 - "Conservative concerning society"
 - In the 2016 presidential election, he did not vote at the top of the ticket -- meaning, he didn't vote for either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump
- * On 1/24/18, he gave the following grades to President Trump --

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| Executive policy (regulations) | A minus |
| Legislative policy (working with Congress) | C |
| Rhetoric (building social fabric & unity) | F |
- * On 8/5/18 -- Debunking 7 Myths of Democratic Socialism
 - Myth 1 -- Democratic Socialism is not exactly the same as Socialism
 - Myth 2 -- Democratic Socialism does not involve force
 - Myth 3 -- Socialism is fairer than Capitalism
 - Myth 4 -- Democratic Socialism has never really been tried
 - Myth 5 -- Real Democratic Socialism is Norway
 - Myth 6 -- Socialism works in medicine
 - Myth 7 -- Capitalism is a giant failure

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* Notice 2 Parables

Matt. 20:1-16 the parable of the laborers in the field
 10 the workers received the same reward
 11-15 those who worked longer complained about the receiving
 the same reward

Matt. 25:14-30 the parable of the talents
 15 the 3 people -- were not given the same
 16-25 the 3 people -- did not have same results
 28 the reward of the 3rd -- was given to the
 person who earned the most

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- * Notice Acts 2:44-45 and Acts 4:32-37
- * Do Acts 2:44-45 and Acts 4:32-37 prove that the Bible supports socialism?

Acts 2:44 all things in common
 45 divided among themselves -- needs

Acts 4:32 all things in common

34 there was no one among them who lacked
35 the apostles distributed
36-37 Barnabas sold land -- money at apostles' feet
Eph. 4:28 don't steal -- work -- to give to those in need
2 Cor. 9:7 God loves a cheerful giver