

## “SOCIALISM, CAPITALISM & THE KINGDOM OF GOD - PART 3”

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**REVIEW/INTRO:** The current political battle is largely about socialism (government control) vs. capitalism (free market control), neither of which can truly reflect the kingdom of God if not submitted to God! Economy in the Bible reflects capitalism more than socialism.

### I. WHY ARE YOUNGER PEOPLE DRAWN TO SOCIALISM?

- A. Educators (public, etc.), media, celebrities and politicians.
- B. Because the promise of free things appeals to our flesh.
  - 1. Giving away lots of free stuff is unsustainable!
  - 2. In socialism, demand can't keep up with supply.
  - 3. 2% of “Christian” millennials have a biblical worldview!

### II. BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- A. We're called to take personal responsibility for our financial provision (Gal. 6:5; Eph. 4:28; 1Tim. 5:8).
- B. Economics in 2Thess. 3:7-12.
  - 1. Work hard to take care of yourself (vv. 7-8, 11-12).
  - 2. Those unwilling to work shouldn't be fed (vv. 9-10).

### III. PROBLEMS WITH A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

- A. Democrats – the illusion that people are inherently good.
- B. Republicans – the illusion of unlimited economic growth.
- C. There are issues in both parties that Christians should and shouldn't support (“package-deal ethics”).
- D. We should treat others (regardless of political affiliation) with love, respect and kindness (Rom. 12:10; 1Pet. 2:17; Heb. 12:14; Jude 1:3).

### IV. THE 5 C'S OF VOTING FOR CHRISTIANS (Alan Langstaff).

- 1. Conscience (convictions).
  - 2. Concepts (vision & values).
  - 3. Competency (ability).
  - 4. Character (in conjunction with other C's).
  - 5. Choice (Who do you sense is God's choice?).
- Ask God, listen and obey (Isa. 55:8-9; Acts 2:17)!

**CONCLUSION:** Ultimately what America needs is a great spiritual awakening, that includes the Millennial generation! Will you do your part to make Jubilee a house of prayer?