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Socialism and the Bible

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Introduction:

Reflections on Socialism

Quotations about Socialism

What is Socialism?

What Does the Bible Say about Socialism?

1. God's requirement for work in the garden.

Genesis 2:15.

2. The Mosaic Law prohibited the sinful attitude of greed and coveting.

Exodus 20:17

3. King Lemuel exemplifies wisdom as a virtuous wife.

Proverbs 31:10–31

4. Jesus uses the wealthy in His parables to teach spiritual lessons.

Matthew 21:33-40; 22:2-10; 25:14-19

5. Jesus taught about poverty.

Matthew 26:6–11

6. Paul commands believers to mind their own business.

1 Thessalonians 4:9–12

7. Paul mandates, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:6–12

8. Paul admonishes the believer to do honest work.

Ephesians 4:24–28

9. Jesus teaches the conduct of the believer during the Tribulation.

Matthew 25:31-46

10. What was the financial policy of the early church in Jerusalem?

Acts 4:32–35

11. Ananias and Sapphira lie to God the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:1–9

12. David establishes a wise leadership policy for his military force.

1 Samuel 30:23-25

13. Joseph's economic policy during the famine in Egypt.

Genesis 41:53–57; 47:5–6, 13–26

The Dangers of Socialism

1. Socialism and communism are based on the same ideology.

Socialism violates personal freedom.
Socialism violates human nature.
Socialism violates private property.

5. Socialism opposes traditional marriage.

- 6. Socialism opposes parental rights in education.
- 7. Socialism promotes radical equality.
- 8. Socialism promotes atheism.

9. Socialism promotes relativism.

10. Socialism mocks/opposes religion.

Conclusion

Socialism is the polar opposite of capitalism or the free market. Socialism seeks to control or regulate the market. The individual becomes a serf of the few in control. Socialism becomes the enemy of the family, private property, individual prosperity, and religious faith. Socialism seeks to supplant the individual's faith in God with faith in government.