

1 Timothy 6:17-19 | SCRIPTURE Vlad Savchuk | SPEAKER How Satan is Using Socialism | SERMON

7 Lies Of Socialism

1. God is not real.

Socialism: there is no God.

Bible: fools deny God's existence (Psalm 14:1; 53:1)

"Religion is the opium of the people." - Karl Marx

"The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion." - Karl Marx

"The idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization." - Karl Marx

2. Humans are good.

Socialism: people are good.

Bible: people are sinful. (Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:9-18)

3. The state is the final authority.

Socialism: the state is the final authority. Bible: God is the final authority. (Acts 5:29)

'Trust is good, control is better.' (Marxist proverb)

"Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." - Mao

4. Children belong to the state, not to parents.

Communism: government raises kids.

Bible: parents raise kids. (Psalm 127:3; Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

"There is no such thing as someone else's child. No such thing as someone else's child. Our nation's children are all our children." - Joe Biden

WA Senate Bill 5599 allows shelters to keep runaway teens as young as 13 from their parents to get an abortion and/or gender surgeries.

5. All people must be equal.

Socialism: everyone should have equal wealth.

Bible: humans are equal in value but different in abilities. (1 Corinthians 12:15-19; Matthew 25:14-30)

6. The product of one's labor is shared by those who have not labored.

Socialism: from each according to his abilities to each according to his needs.

Bible: hard work is rewarded, not idleness. (Matthew 25:29)

The Bible teaches sharing our bread with the needy, but it doesn't give the power to the government to enforce it. (Isaiah 58:7)

7. The state eliminates private property.





Socialism: no property ownership.

Bible: don't let things own you. (Acts 5:4; Exodus 20:15)

Was the Early Church Socialist?

"Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common." Acts 2:44

Communism: forced community Christianity: free community

"And sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, **as anyone had need."** Acts 2:45

Sharing was totally voluntary, not imposed by the state or apostles.

"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart." Acts 2:46

Christians didn't sell all their property. (Acts 8:3; 9:11, 17; 10:6; 12:12; 16:15; 17:5; 18:7, 11; 20:20; 21:8)

Sharing everything with everyone didn't continue. (Acts 6:1)

The sharing of Acts 2-5 was a description (what the Church did), not a prescription (what the Church should always do).

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19

God is not a Robin Hood who steals from the rich; instead, He stirs the rich to help the poor.

How can one be a cheerful giver if the one is forced to give? (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Summary:

- 1. Government is NOT God. We are to practice civil disobedience when government goes against God.
- 2. People are not good. We progress externally but regress internally.
- 3. Wealth is NOT wicked. How we get money, how we spend money, and how we view money can be sinful.
- 4. Charity shouldn't be FORCED. We are encouraged to help the poor, not shift that duty to the state.
- 5. Socialism FAILS to deliver on its promises. Only free cheese can be found in a mouse trap. Even the gift of eternal life came at the cost of Jesus' blood.
- 6. Revolution is not the solution. God commands everyone to repent.

