

Nine Biblical Principles that Expose the Social Justice Movement and Marxism as Contrary to Authentic Christianity

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In our Bible study session, we observed the following.

1. Social and cultural vertigo is paving the way for false teachings in society and in the church to take hold.
2. The social justice movement is largely responsible for this. Its emotional, compassionate-sounding rhetoric is distorting and redefining justice.
3. Christians must be compassionate and loving, but they also must base their judgments on objective truth (see Col. 2:8; Matt. 7:24-27; John 17:17).
4. Neither fairness nor justice means equal outcomes. Fairness means being equally unhindered from taking advantage of natural opportunities to succeed, and being free to carve out additional opportunities for oneself that do not infringe on the rights of others.
5. Distorted ideas about justice and liberty have given the social justice movement the upper hand in this conflict of belief systems.
6. Exercising and promoting justice means “rendering (1) impartially and (2) proportionally (3) to everyone his due (4) in accord with the righteous standard of God’s moral law.” — E. Calvin Beisner
7. Authentic liberty recognizes and upholds the fulfillment of duties and responsibilities.
8. Marxism and the social justice movement oppose and seek to trash biblical ideals. Consequently, they turn justice and liberty on their heads. Under the mantras of justice and liberty (or freedom), Marxism and the social justice movement promote injustice and bondage.

Statements made by Karl Marx himself stand in opposition to biblical truth. Here are nine biblical principles. After each one, one or more statements from Marx will follow that represent attempts to refute or oppose the principle, or in at least once case, to use it *against* biblical teachings. Beware! Marxism and its siblings, socialism and communism, continue to seek to defy biblical truth and Christianity today.

Principle 1: The God of the Bible, and none other, is God; and we are to acknowledge and revere Him

and Him only. (See Ex. 20:1-3; Deut. 5:5-7; 13:4; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 14:1.) By contrast, Marx said,

- Communism begins where atheism begins.
- My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism.
- There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, , etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience.

Principle 2: God created every member of the human family in His image. Everyone is a sovereign individual, and every person should be treated with dignity and respect. (See Gen. 1:26-28; 9:6.) Marx denied this biblical tenet. He said,

The democratic concept of man is false, because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that...each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity.

Principle 3: The Bible commends hard work and the benefit of enjoying the results of one’s labor. (See Prov. 6:6-11; 10:4-5; 12:14; 13:4; 14:23; 16:26; 22:29; 28:19; Eccl. 3:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6-12.) On the other hand, Karl Marx said:

- A heavy or progressive or graduated income tax is necessary for the proper development of Communism.
- From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs. Marx was referring to government redistribution of wealth, a tenet of the social justice movement.

Principle 4: In connection with human sovereignty (having been made in God’s image) the Bible affirms property rights. (See Ex. 20:15,17; Deut. 5:19,21.) Karl Marx was vehemently opposed to the idea of private property. Marx declared:

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The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.

Principle 5: The Bible affirms economic freedom, including the exchange of what one owns for something else. (See principle 8 on this list: <https://t.ly/FmbZO>.) This implies benefit for both the buyer and the seller. (See Genesis 23; Matt. 13:44-46; 20:1-16; 24:45-51; 25:14-30; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 10:25-37.) Karl Marx viewed economic freedom with disdain.

- Accumulation of wealth at one pole is at the same time accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation, at the opposite pole.
- There must be something rotten in the very core of a social system which increases its wealth without diminishing its misery.

Principle 6: The Bible commends charity from individuals, the church, and, by extension, faith-based organizations. (See Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:20-22; Prov. 14:21; 17:5; 19:17; 22:9; 28:3; 29:7; Acts 11:27-30; Rom. 15:25-27; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-9:15; Gal. 2:9-10; Eph. 4:28.) Karl Marx believed the state should take from those who have to give it to those in need. With socialism, government coercion is the order of the day.

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Principle 7: Parents are responsible before God for the education and training of their children. (See Deut. 6:4-25; Prov. 1:8; 3:12; 6:20; 10:1; 13:1,24; 15:20; 17:25; 22:15; 23:13-14; 28:7; 29:15; Eph. 6:1-4. Do not be overly concerned about the references in Proverbs to “beating” one’s child or children. The emphasis is on appropriate discipline; this is not authorization for abuse.) Karl Marx, by contrast, believed that children belonged to the state.

The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother’s care, shall be in state institutions.

Principle 8: Government’s job is to maintain order in society by commending those who do right and punishing those who do wrong. Nowhere in Scripture do we see any indication that it is government’s job to meet people’s needs. (See Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; 1 Tim. 2:1-2.) Karl Marx believed in upsetting and overthrowing order and establishing a “new order” rooted in socialist and communist principles. Note the ruthless nature of the following statements from Marx. It’s amazing that socialism has a reputation for being compassionate!

- We have no compassion and we ask no compassion from you. When our turn comes, we shall not make excuses for the terror.
- Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him. Teach a man to fish, and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity.
- ...the Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things... They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.
- The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism.

Principle 9: Remembering a godly heritage and God’s redemptive work keeps individuals and nations from straying away from the truth and from right living. (See Ex. 12:1-28; Deut. 5:12-15; 6:4-25; 24:17-19; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Eph. 2:11-13.) Karl Marx understood that distorting and misrepresenting a nation’s heritage would make the people vulnerable to takeover. Marx said,

- Take away a nation’s heritage and they are more easily persuaded.
- Keep people from their history, and they are easily controlled.
- If you can cut the people off from their history, then they can be easily persuaded.

Here are **three important takeaways** from our Bible study:

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Takeaways:

1. Marxism is taking hold in America, and a primary vehicle for this invasion and ongoing cultural realignment is the social justice movement.
2. Marxism and the social justice movement stand contrary to freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for all. Freedom-loving people everywhere must speak against them and educate their children to be wary of them.
3. The tenets of the social justice movement are antithetical to biblical teachings and therefore

anti-Christian. Believers, and especially Christian leaders, need to overcome social and cultural vertigo — and spiritual vertigo as well — by grounding their judgments in objective truth, especially God’s Word. Pastors need to be preaching against the social justice movement, and Christians in the pews need to be warning their brothers and sisters in Christ about it.

For more information, visit <https://t.ly/pj4tw> and <https://t.ly/wHzzm>.