

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

Under the “feel good” mantras of compassion, justice, and fairness; the social justice movement (SJM) promotes socialism and Marxism and maligns capitalism as oppressive and unfair. Social justice advocates pit whites against blacks, men against women, and heterosexuals against homosexuals and other LGBT individuals.

Some social justice crusaders are well intentioned, but many have nefarious motives and know full well what they are doing. They say that blacks, women, and homosexuals are oppressed by a society and culture stacked against them. Their rhetoric notwithstanding, things are not always as they appear; nor are they always as the prevailing narrative depicts them. We will do well to learn in practical terms just where the social justice movement with its Marxist underpinnings is taking the United States as nation and American citizens as individuals.

Moreover, as Christians, we must evaluate the social justice movement in light of biblical teachings. Do these ideologies align with Scripture at all, or do the social justice movement and Marxism stand together in opposition to what the Bible tells us about economic and social systems and human activity within them?

Let’s examine nine biblical principles and showcase them against numerous statements made by Karl Marx. What more direct way could there be to examine Marxism than to read what Marx himself wrote and believed?

I have taken Marx’s statements from just one Internet quotations website, azquotes.com; I did not do extensive research to “dig them up.” In other words, these are predominant, well-known statements from Marx. As you read these, note how Marxist ideals have taken hold in various places and among numerous leaders in our own country. Also note how thoroughly they are gaining a foothold in society at large.

Marxism Is Unbiblical, and Even Anti-Biblical and Anti-Christian

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 — <https://t.ly/GIZ9M>.) 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 sovereign¹ individual, and every person

¹ The word *sovereign* is used here, not in the ultimate sense, for only God is sovereign in this way. It is used to convey the idea that human beings have qualities that reflect that God has made them in His image, and that set them apart from the rest of God’s created order.

Thus, human sovereignty does not mean that people are godlike, but that they are like God — capable of having preferences, making judgments, understanding and making moral and ethical choices, and designed to be free, not manipulated or controlled by the government.

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should be treated with dignity and respect. (See Gen. 1:26-28; 9:6 — <https://t.ly/x4WVv>.) 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 — <https://t.ly/S2TAa>.) 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.

Pastor Adrian Rogers was right when he observed,

You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it

does no good to work become somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealthy by dividing it.

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 — <https://t.ly/JROPf>.) Karl Marx was vehemently opposed to the idea of private property. He stated,

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

Alarming, aversion to property rights is taking hold in America. The World Economic Forum is telling us that in 2030, "You'll own nothing. And you'll be happy." What's wrong with that? Well, quite a bit, actually! Learn more by visiting https://t.ly/Ut_Wk.

Principle 5: The Bible affirms economic freedom, including the right to exchange 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 — <https://t.ly/gXJtm>.) 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.

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Yet capitalism *does* increase wealth and decrease misery simultaneously (for starters, see <https://t.ly/R9q0X>). Furthermore, we need to be aware that communism, socialism's sister (<https://t.ly/K57ffF>), doesn't alleviate misery at all. Rather, it creates and exacerbates it (<https://t.ly/Houa7.>)

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 — <https://t.ly/A3L5N.>) 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 — <https://t.ly/wLRWW.>) Do not be overly concerned about the references in Proverbs to "beating" one's child or children.² 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.

Consider the recent battles between parents and the education elites in school boards across America with regard to what children will be taught. Tell me, does the state own America's children, or are parents ultimately responsible for them? We are at a crossroads in America with regard to this issue. It's time for parents, and Christian parents in particular, to take a stand!

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 — <https://t.ly/he74d.>) Karl Marx believed in upsetting and overthrowing order to establish 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.

² See Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15 — <https://t.ly/SrASX.>

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- 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 — <https://t.ly/FHHFc>.) 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.

Conclusion

Here are three important takeaways from this article:

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. Christians especially need to understand that the tenets of the social justice movement are antithetical to biblical teachings and therefore anti-Christian. 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.

How can churches and believers sound the warning? Consider:

- You can start by sharing this article, a more complete edition of which is available online at <https://t.ly/ss0cK>.
- Also, a Bible study using this material is available at <https://t.ly/wHzzm>. Talk to your pastor or other church leaders about organizing and holding such a study. You may even consider leading this yourself. The material is easy to use.

Communism and socialism are enemies of Christianity, and Christians need to be familiar with the Biblical principles that refute Marxism in all its forms. Be informed, inform others, and pray that God will open people's eyes everywhere to the dangers of Marxism and the social justice movement.

Nothing less than the future of liberty, which includes the freedom to share the gospel with others, is at stake.