Government Sponsored Theft

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Whenever any government claims they are giving their citizens something "free", or that it won't raise taxes, do not believe them. More often than not, so-called "giveaways" are simply a ploy to bolster the re-election prospects of politicians, at the expense of hard-working tax payers. Almighty God does not approve of this deceptive tactic because it harms those who are trying to keep food on their tables, and cover other essential services/expenses. In fact, He clearly denounces this subterfuge by those in positions of leadership.

The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of His people and His princes: "For you have eaten up the vineyard; the plunder of the poor is in your houses. ¹⁵What do you mean by crushing My people and grinding the faces of the poor?" (Isa. 3:14-15; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).

As Christ pointed out, any leader can cover up or justify their wrong doings, but they will have to give account, either in this lifetime or in a future resurrection of the dead.

Then he (Christ) said to them in his teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense (for appearance's sake) make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation (Mk. 12:38-40; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Currently, those in positions of power in America are attempting to borrow, and spend, vast amounts of money, while claiming this money

can be paid back by stealing it from successful businesses that have made sacrifices enabling them to become wealthier; not to mention the fact that these same companies provide jobs for people. In essence, the nation's government becomes a modern day "Robbing Hood" by stealing from rich companies and giving these stolen goods to the poor, or in many cases "those who refuse to work" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robin Hood).

And, according to the word of God, those who refuse to work should not be bailed out by anyone, including the multiple government programs and hand-outs available today. Instead, they are expected to produce enough to cover their own food, shelter, and other expenses.

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat (1Thes. 3:10; emphasis added).

For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. ¹²Now those who are such we command and exhort (encourage) through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread (1Thes. 3:11-12; 4:11; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

But if anyone does not provide for his own (expenses), and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (1Tim. 5:8; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷which having no captain (leader), overseer or ruler, ⁸provides her supplies (bread) in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. ⁹How long will you slumber (lie down), O sluggard? When will you

rise from your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep – ¹¹So shall your poverty come on you like a robber, and your need like an armed man (Prov. 6:6-11; Ed. notes in parentheses).

In reality, when someone accepts government hand-outs, they are either taking money from someone else's labor and tax payments, or they are complicit with the government's policy of printing more money that increases taxes on the poor through inflation. And simply printing more money passes the responsibility of repaying it to the next generation. Both scenarios are "theft by different ways and means".

Too many of these government hand-outs have no work requirements attached to them. This is contrary to God's word, which states clearly that anyone who is poor can have help, but they must also help themselves. In other words, they have to put forth some effort to acquire their basic needs as Ruth did in order to provide for herself and her mother-in-law (cf. Ruth 2:1-12).

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God (Lev. 19:9-10; Dt. 24:19-22; emphasis added).

At the most basic level you would expect a nation's government to teach its citizens about financial responsibility by its own good example. Sadly, the opposite is true. While the governments of this present evil age (cf. Gal. 1:4) expect their citizens **not** to "borrow beyond their means", these so-called "servants of the people" act like drunkards intoxicated on borrowing money "like there's no tomorrow". When they sober up after the damage is done,

they can simply walk away with no accountability for their reckless behavior (see study: *No Qualified Immunity in God's Government*).

Another detrimental aspect of giving money to people who refuse to work, is that it destroys any self-worth these people could have had. Mankind was created to work and to do otherwise is harmful. This is why we are commanded to work.....it is for our own benefit.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work (Ex. 20:9 cf. Dt. 5:13; emphasis added).

Unlike human governments, whose welfare programs hamper a good work ethic, God the Father and his son Jesus Christ set the right example.

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working" (Jn. 5:17; emphasis added).

I (Christ) have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given me to do (Jn. 17:4; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Let's face it, where is the incentive to work if a government is paying people more money than a potential employer? In this scenario, far too many people will not even look for a job and the productivity and efficient operation of an entire nation will be negatively impacted.

When Christ returns to re-establish his Father's law and commandments globally, stealing from those who are working hard and producing will end immediately. Instead, there will be a flat tax, known as a tithe, which is 10% of everyone's income. So whether someone is a millionaire or an average income earner, everyone will pay this same percentage....no exceptions and no

deductions. The revenue will be collected and administered by the descendants of Levi, and they will not be allowed to spend more than they receive.

".....It shall be that I (Almighty God, through his son Jesus Christ) will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall see My glory" (Isa. 66:18b; Ed. note in parenthesis).

"Then they shall bring all your brethren (descendants of Jacob) for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem", says the Lord, "as the children of Israel (descendants of Jacob) bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. ²¹And **I** will also take some of them for priests and Levites", says the Lord (Isa. 66:20-21; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance...' (Nu. 18:26a).

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord (Lev. 27:30; emphasis added).

And concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, **the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord** (Lev. 27:32).

Providing the Levites properly administer this tithe during the time of Christ's millennial rule on earth (cf. Rev. 20:4-5), the entire planet will be blessed; just as the ancient nation of Israel was blessed when it obeyed God's word (cf. Dt. 28:1-14).

So instead of paying vast amounts of money to highly paid lawyers, as we see in today's world, the Levitical priesthood will choose suitable candidates to manage all legal and judicial affairs within the budget funded by these tithes (cf. Ex. 18:19-26). Not only that, but the Levitical priests will also be overseeing all aspects of the educational system; so there will be no teacher's unions promoting anti-god and anti-law agendas (cf. 2Chron. 35:3; Neh. 8:7-9, 13).

All religious matters will be the responsibility of this priesthood; so no highly paid preachers "fleecing the flock" (Nu. 7:5; 8:11, 14, 19, 22, 24, 26; cf. Eze. 34:1-22). The healthcare system will also fall under the priesthood, just as it did during the First Covenant period. This will include teaching people the difference between clean and unclean foods; the latter of which negatively affects health outcomes over time (Lev. 11:2-23; Dt. 14:3-21). Basic health laws like quarantine will be implemented and directed toward those who are sick. This means those in good health will not be locked up, or lose their businesses (Nu. 5:1-4).

The priesthood will oversee the diagnosing of illnesses (Lev. 13:2-3, 8-9, 11-15, 20, 25, 27, 30, 34, 40, 42-43, 45). Building codes also will be administered through the Levical priesthood, and this will include health and safety regulations (Dt. 22:8, Lev. 14:34 – 45). The environment will come under the responsibility of this same priesthood; so no consumption of animals that were created to be the "clean-up crew" in the oceans, rivers, and on the land (Lev. 11:2-23; Dt. 14:3-21).

Unlike the politicians today that don't mind recklessly spending other people's money, this future administration will have to give account for every penny spent. And mismanaging money that actually belongs to someone else, will carry financial penalties (Lev. 27:31). It will be viewed

as a form of negligence or theft as it should be today.

At the time of this writing, the current U.S. Administration is considering the theft of American taxpayer money in order to provide \$ 450,000 for every immigrant (\$900,000 per family) who entered the country illegally and were separated from family members,

"Insanity. Rewarding illegal immigrants with hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars is the ULTIMATE insult to law-abiding citizens", Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.) wrote (www.nypost/2021/10/29gop-blast-possible-450k-illegal-immigrant-by-biden-admin/).

"President Biden wants to send the IRS to surveil your bank account while cutting checks – with your money – to people who've broken our laws" (Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.).

House Minority leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif) echoed Womack's sentiments, calling it "Pure insanity. The Biden administration is reportedly looking to pay \$ 450,000 to illegal immigrants who knowingly broke the law," (he tweeted). "It's a slap in the face of our lawabiding citizens who wake up, go to work, and pay their taxes."

It's the height of hypocrisy when a government ignores its' owns laws, while expecting citizens to follow them. Therefore, if the government steals from its own citizens, how long do you think these same citizens are going to pay their taxes?

It certainly appears we are living in the generation that Christ described as "lawless" and, if it is, he will return to replace all rulers and authorities governing contrary to his Father's law and commandments.

And because **lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold (Mt. 24:12; emphasis added).

May Almighty God speed the return of His son, Jesus Christ, to restore law and order so that we can enjoy the universal peace and harmony that will follow (Mt. 13:41-43).

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