

How You Vote Reveals Who You Serve

Why you cannot be a Christian and a liberal, a Democrat

Spiritually driven, humbly given...by Gary Binford

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“Jesus said ‘I am building My church.’ That’s not a building, that’s not a program. That’s a community of believers who cross racial, cultural and class lines, Ephesians 2 says, that come together in order to reflect the confession of Peter, that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord...It has to be His church, therefore, it must be Him that sets the agenda. He must be the authority.”

Dr. Tony Evans; Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship; Dallas, TX

A lack of spiritual discernment is apparent in a voting pattern of professing Christians who define themselves through secular groupings such as race, gender, class, financial status, fraternal organizations, activism and civic organizations. This has led many to support Democratic Party candidates, consequently placing them in stark opposition to the biblical worldview on critical issues, thus placing them in opposition to Christ.

Remember the saying “Birds of a feather flock together?” Consider the tendencies of several high-profile groups that align with the Democratic Party: the Hollywood community openly flaunts its immorality. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) attempts to legislate anything Christian out of our nation. Public employee unions, like the teachers' union, block attempts to replace ineffective teachers and support teaching evolution over creation. Planned Parenthood demands women have the right to kill their unborn babies, overruling the presumption of the right to life. The entertainment industry and mainstream media mock and malign Christians and family values. In addition, there are numerous special interest groups with agendas such as homosexuals, lesbians, transgender, feminists, atheists, globalists and environmentalists, as well as socialist and communist organizations. These groups do not worship or serve God, so how can Christians vote in alignment with them?

The empowering of these groups has led to disconcerting occurrences such as the Bible, the Ten Commandments, prayer and the creation account removed from our schools. Our government’s Judeo-Christian roots distorted. Abortion and same-sex marriage legalized. Efforts to remove In God We Trust from our currency and to pass the Fairness Doctrine, designed to neutralize conservative and Christian talk radio. Merry Christmas replaced by Happy Holidays. Woodstock-like liberal judges make the law instead of interpreting it.

“I listened to the platform being articulated at the Democratic Party Convention [in 2012] and it was no God, pro free sex and the government will provide the condoms, gay marriage and abortion,” said Dr. John MacArthur, pastor at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA, as a guest on a radio program. “It’s one thing to allow it, it’s something else to tolerate it, but this Democratic Party had reached the place where they were advocating it. It struck me so hard that I began to think that the Democratic Party has now adopted Romans 1 as its platform, the very things that God’s wrath is released against. They didn’t want to retain God in their knowledge. They were given over to sexual immorality. They were given over to homosexuality. And then, a reprobate mind which includes murder and that, for me, includes abortion. I literally was stunned when I heard that and wondered can people with that kind of platform win an election on a national level?”

They already had, which is why I initiated this project in 2000. Born black and an attendee of churches with predominantly black congregations, I followed the crowd and was a longtime Democrat. But my eyes finally were opened after I truly was born again later in life, in 1997.

I quickly became alarmed at the disconnection between what the Bible says and how so many professing Christians voted in opposition to it. So I wrote this thesis primarily for people who profess to be Christians, followers of Jesus, yet support Democratic Party candidates. I pray that everyone will come to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and become members of God's family here and for eternity. But for Christians, as Dr. Evans stated, "You should vote for the candidate, the platform and the party that is going to best represent the values of the kingdom of God, because that will determine how God relates to that government and those systems."

If you profess to be a Christian and you voted for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton for president, and plan to vote for Democrat candidates in 2020, I implore you to examine the party's platform through this biblical grid.

LIBERALISM

Many people may not realize that liberalism is their religion, superseding or supplanting the Bible's influence in their lives. For example, former President Obama said he is a Christian, but his policies did not reflect that claim.

"To understand Barack Obama, one has to understand he is a man of the left," radio talk show host Dennis Prager said as a television show guest. "Leftism is the most dynamic religion in the world for the last 100 years. It's more dynamic than Christianity, more dynamic than Islam. His trinity? Christians have the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The left has race, gender, class. That's how your kids will learn life, that's the prism through which they will understand life at college. That is the prism through which he sees the world. He is honest to leftism. While there is demagoguery here, no question, he is true to his faith."

Sadly, being liberal trumps being Christian for many people. One of the more revealing conversations I've had in this regard occurred with a professional black couple when Senator Obama ran for president against John McCain. The husband lectured me for 10 minutes about black peoples' plight in history and then chastised me for not supporting the first black presidential candidate. I let him talk without interruption and then I asked the professing Christians if they would vote for black Republicans such as Alan Keyes, Ken Blackwell or J.C. Watts if they ran for president. The question barely had left my mouth before the couple responded in a resounding "Hell no!" That illustrated it really was not about a black man, but about a liberal black man running for president.

Here is a thought to ponder. Do you think black people would have voted overwhelmingly for Senator Obama in the 2008 presidential election if he ran as a Republican against a Democrat such as Hillary Clinton?

ABORTION

This includes the horror of partial-birth abortion, partially delivering the fetus, taking scissors to pierce the head, then sucking out the brain with a vacuum-like device. The Democratic Party's platform has digressed to include taxpayer funding for this tragedy/travesty, even in the late term. Now, some are actually supporting infanticide!

Do not be swayed by the liberals' term, "pro-choice," which is a softer, less offensive phrase for pro-abortion. Life is the assumption, so the choice they want is to kill. Naturally, the fetus' opinion doesn't matter. As noted by the late former President Ronald Reagan, "I've noticed that everybody that is for abortion has already been born."

There have been more than 61 million reported abortions in the United States since the Roe v. Wade court decision made murdering unprotected fetuses legal in 1973. Seeking to maintain the status quo, Democrats try to block the confirmation of any pro-life judge to the Supreme Court, including a highly qualified black woman and a Hispanic man. Recently, they unsuccessfully attempted to stop the confirmation of President Donald Trump's nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, by unceremoniously conjuring up a series of sexual misconduct allegations.

Comedian Dennis Miller nailed the left's stance on abortion when he quipped, "The Democrats are for cradle-to-grave entitlements. It's getting to the cradle that's the hard part."

The Bible declares life is precious to God and children are His gift to us. "*You shall not murder*" is the sixth commandment. Life may begin at conception to us, but God envisions life from an eternal perspective, as King David wrote in Psalm 139:13-16: "*For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb...My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.*"

The womb has become an execution chamber when it should be the safest place to reside. Liberals speak of a woman's right to control her own body. However, their talking point is flawed. "The baby is not biologically a part of the woman's body," said the late Dr. R.C. Sproul, founder and chairman of Ligonier Ministries, in Orlando, FL. "It's in the woman's body, but its DNA has its own unique identity identifying that unborn child as a distinct living human person. They're willing to acknowledge that these unborn babies are living persons and they kill them anyway. It's like we have lost the capacity to blush."

Dr. MacArthur contends the lives of babies are a secondary issue. "This is all about immorality," he said. "This is all about people being free to have sex with whoever they want, whenever they want, with the elimination of any unwanted implications. In other words, having an abortion is not a health choice, it's a sin choice...The Democratic Party message got out—we kill babies—and it had a positive impact."

Body ownership shouldn't be an issue to believers as stated in 1Corinthians 6:19-20, providing a reason why Christian women can't be feminists: "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price [Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross]; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*"

Also, remember Jesus stated what is done to the least of us is done to Him. "To me, it's ironic that those who pride themselves in defending the rights of the weak murder them in the womb when they are the most weak," Dr. MacArthur said. "What kind of hypocrisy is that? It's legal to do to a child what you might be arrested for doing to a cat, or a dog or certainly an eagle?"

Senator Obama voted against the Illinois Born Alive Protection Act, a bill designed to provide comfort to babies born alive after botched abortions. Why? Obama stated it would have undermined the Roe v. Wade decision. Commendably, Roe, whose real name was Norma McCorvey, became a pro-life supporter before she died in 2017.

"I don't know everything there is to know about theology and I don't know everything there is to know about God," Dr. Sproul said. "But if I know anything about God, I know that He abhors abortion. I can't imagine anything that would provoke our God to judging our nation more than our sanctioning of this egregious sin."

Concerning the increasing number of murders among youths, children will stop killing children when adults stop killing children. This disregard for human life among adults provides Satan an easy avenue to twist God's viewpoint on this subject and plant in youthful minds how unimportant living is, so taking a life is not such a big deal. And that includes taking their lives, as teenage suicide remains at an all-time high.

Does it make any sense that many people who advocate for animal rights are against life rights for unborn babies? Now keep this one quiet: Democrats have not deciphered they would win more elections if they'd stop killing their babies, as their voting base greatly would increase. Then again, they're aware of this, but they just don't care.

SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS

Same-sex union was the forerunner to same-sex marriage, legalized in all 50 states by a Supreme Court decision in 2015, declaring validation as the equal to God's divine marriage plan. Same-sex marriage advocates made inroads by redefining it as a civil rights issue, but God always has and always will define such unions as sin. As stated graphically in Genesis 19:1-29, God's vengeance in leveling Sodom and Gomorrah, the twin-city symbols of immorality and paganism, is evidence of His disdain for deviant sexual sins. God made this very clear in the Israelites' early existence, as stated in Leviticus 20:13: *"If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them."*

If the same-sex relationship is natural, everyone can partake in it, right? Yet we all must admit that life would cease to exist if people only had sexual relations with others of the same sex. Furthermore, if God wired us to be attracted to our own sex, how could He punish us for carrying it out? He did not and He would not.

"I just want to remind our guest that neither he nor any of us would be here had it not been for a heterosexual union between a man and a woman," Dr. Robert Jeffress Jr., pastor at First Baptist Church in Dallas, TX, said during a television show debate with a same-sex marriage advocate. "Nature teaches us, and I believe it's God, that the best relationship in which to raise a child is between a father and a mother... Even though culture and the court may change, God's word never changes. He designed marriage. He knows how it best operates."

The Bible states several times in the New Testament that practicing homosexuals/lesbians will not enter Heaven. Romans 1:24-27 reveals same-sex relations are a byproduct of people who reject God's truth: *"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature [idols] rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise, also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men, committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."*

As with abortion, Democratic Party leadership supports same-sex marriage. This includes former President Obama and former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton; and all of the current presidential candidates, which includes Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Kamala Harris, Beto O'Rourke, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

Jesus addressed marriage in Matthew 19:3-5: *"The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?' And He answered and said to them, 'Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 'and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'"*

Same-sex marriage now goes into school textbooks and indoctrinates our children at very early ages. When Christians righteously speak out against this union, liberal factions attack us as hateful, bigoted, homophobic and demand our position be defined as hate speech. Noteworthy examples include the backlash against the Family Research Council and Chick-fil-A owner Dan Cathy for their public support of traditional marriage. Former ESPN commentator Chris Broussard came under siege after he stated his Christian belief that homosexuality is a sin on a television program. Then there's the relentless barrage against radio shows Focus on the Family and Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk for their steadfast support of traditional marriage and the right to life for the unborn.

“You say, ‘Well, our society cultivates tolerance and you’re giving hate speech,’” stated Dr. MacArthur in rebuking the bigotry label. “What I’m saying is not hate speech. What the Democratic Party is saying is hate speech, because they must hate the homosexuals if they will allow them to go the direction they’re going and affirm that, knowing that it will take them to hell. That’s hate speech. This is love speech. You either warn them or you affirm them. Romans 1 warned them and any faithful Christian warns this is dangerous, this is deadly.”

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, declared the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional in 2013. Signed into law by Democrat President Bill Clinton in 1996, the act had defined marriage as between a man and a woman, and denied federal benefits to same-sex married couples in states where same-sex marriage is legal.

Obama, who was president, declared the decision “a historic step forward” for marriage equality. God does not agree. The courts, the government and people can say and do what they want, but God almighty has spoken very clearly on this sacred issue. Christians are to pray for those involved in same-sex relationships and tell them Jesus can break the chains that bind them. Moreover, Christians are to point it out as sin, which it is.

REMOVING GOD FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Before removing God from our government, leftists expelled Him from our classrooms. Democrats say they’re inclusive and religiously tolerant, but they’re really exclusive and intolerant toward Christianity. “*You shall have no other gods before Me*” is the first Commandment. We are “One nation under God,” right? Yet we have booted God from the premises by removing the Bible, the Ten Commandments and prayer from our public schools.

Violent crimes have increased by more than 700 percent in our public schools since organized prayer was removed in 1962, according to the United States Department of Justice. People ask, “Why isn’t God protecting our kids?” Well, God isn’t welcome in our schools. And it doesn’t stop there. In June of 2019, the Supreme Court rejected the case of atheist activist Michael Newdow, who attempted to have “In God We Trust” removed from our currency.

Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, issued this stern warning: “I think about organizations that do their best to take God out of our society, out of our schools, off our money. We must not be quiet while they place us in a position that God, to be true to Himself, would one day have to send foreign armies into our land to punish us. [Because] we allowed ourselves to become a pagan nation of immorality and disbelief in God; we allowed somebody to erase the name of God from our society. It must never be allowed to happen!”

Democrats also vote against school vouchers that would allow kids, many in the inner cities, to attend schools of their parents’ choice where the learning level could be higher. God’s plan for education is to raise children in the knowledge and ways of the Lord. This certainly is not happening in the public school system where the Bible, the only book of truth and of life, often doesn’t even warrant reference book status.

“You bring out a Bible, say naughty, naughty,” said the late Dr. D. James Kennedy, who pastored the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL. “The kind of attitude that used to be reserved for those who might come out with a dirty magazine is now reserved for those who would read the scriptures or say something about God. I recall a teacher discovering a number of students in the playground during recess who were kneeling over in the corner and she rushed over there and she said, ‘Students, students, what are you doing?’ And they said, ‘We’re sorry, Miss Ethel, we were shooting craps.’ She said, ‘Oh, I was afraid you were praying.’”

Our high schools and colleges insidiously attempt to cancel out God by teaching The Big Bang Theory of evolution, that everything came from nothing, hence God didn’t create everything “*according to its kind*,” as explained in the Genesis 1 creation account. So thank God for science, as DNA has proven not everything originated from one suddenly materialized source.

World-renowned Christian apologist Dr. Ravi Zacharias remembered a reaction to DNA when he spoke at a college with physician-geneticist Dr. Francis Collins, a co-mapper of the human DNA. Dr. Collins covered the right side of the split screen in his visual presentation, while the left side revealed an exquisite stained glass window that had thousands of pieces in its design.

“Then Dr. Collins uncovered the right side to show something even more spectacular,” Dr. Zacharias recalled. “He said ‘You know what you are looking at now?’ He said ‘A vertical section of the human DNA,’ and the audience just gasped at it. He said ‘3.1 billion bits of information in there.’ He didn’t say anything else. He took his guitar and sang after that.”

Unfounded scientific assertions have thwarted logic, reason and God’s word for many as the movement to transform us into a godless nation is in full swing. “Get past that notion that science makes any contribution to an understanding of creation; it makes none,” Dr. MacArthur explained. “Why? All science is based on observation and no one observed creation. All science necessitates verification by repetition and creation cannot be repeated, so it cannot be verified. Creation did not happen by any uniformed, predictable, observable, repeatable fixed natural laws. Creation was just the opposite of that, as there are no natural processes in it. Creation was a series of supernatural, instantaneous, inexplicable miracles. This is why there is no place in the biblical account that evolution is hinted at, much less mentioned. Evolution was not the means, or a means, by which God created. It was all supernatural and miraculous.”

The National Education Association is a large supporter, contributor and benefactor of the Democratic Party. The NEA’s systematic teaching of secular theories, while excluding biblical truths, helps to prepare our kids to accept the party’s godless agenda as adults.

REMOVING GOD FROM OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR NATION

Removing references to God, no longer acknowledging Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and taxpayer funding for abortion, even in the late term, were among the issues voted on at the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC. It took three votes to return God to the platform, even though the required two-thirds majority sounded more like a 50-50 split. Loud booing ensued throughout Time Warner Cable Arena.

This is where we’re at, folks. Can it be any clearer? How did we get from “One nation under God” to throwing Him off the train? Democrats realize big government only can thrive in an environment where God does not have the final say. That was the message passed down from 19th century German philosopher Karl Marx, the father of socialism, who first neutralized the church so big government could ride in and replace it. Sound familiar?

The film, *Agenda: Grinding America Down*, a documentary on DVD, explained this factor: “Karl Marx had the insight to see that dethroning God and destroying capitalism went hand in hand. As you attempt to dethrone God by erasing the morality in the society and destroying His institutions--the family and the church--you are destroying capitalism. As the families fall apart and the church loses its influence, society starts to crumble and then government has to expand to pick up the pieces. You have to discredit God. He’s your competition.”

Dr. Evans said it this way: “Government will always expand when God is removed, because then government must play God. And the tragedy is many of God’s people vote for government to play God, because we do not have a biblical view of government.”

Romans 13 states that government is ordained by God and accountable to Him, so leadership that does not incorporate what God thinks is making a critical error. Government’s primary functions are to enforce laws--by force, if necessary--and to protect its people from evil, certainly not to perpetuate evil itself.

“Since the Bible says the role of government is to punish evildoers and protect the good, you better have somebody in power who understands what is good and what is evil,” Dr. MacArthur said. “And if you think homosexuality, abortion, sexual freedom and hating God are not evil, then you’d better go back and check your Bible again. How can people who have that kind of agenda protect those who do good and punish those who do evil?...Once the Bible is out you have no moral authority, so who is going to determine what is right? The power elite. Socialistic, naturalistic relativism takes over. I’m convinced that the only hope for a stable, good, right kind of society is total commitment to follow the patterns of scripture. If you don’t, all is lost.”

George Washington, our first president, did not have a problem invoking God when he delivered the initial inaugural address to Congress in 1789, stating: “Propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained.”

Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles; that’s a fact. Therefore, separation of church and state as it applies today is a sham, for the Constitution of the United States of America, Amendment I, states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” So the intent was to protect the church from intrusion by the federal government to establish a state church of one particular denomination, not to protect the government from God.

“Almost all the ideas that have made America such a unique and great country our Founding Fathers got straight out of the Bible,” was said in the film, *Agenda: Grinding America Down*. “I guess that’s why the left only has a problem with one religion, biblical Christianity. They never complain about separation of church and state when it comes to Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism or any of the other religions...They must destroy the Bible’s influence in America so they can step in with big government in its place.”

Christians must stand for truth no matter how loudly liberals yell to the contrary. If the body of Christ does not support His church, who will? “If the church lives and proclaims the word of God, it does not fail, it cannot fail, because God accomplishes His purpose through His word,” Dr. MacArthur explained. “Frankly, many so-called churches have really failed to be biblical. There’s only one way to do ministry right and that’s to do it biblically.”

Liberal factions use bullying tactics such as challenging the tax-exempt status of churches in court, looking to silence ministers from verbally scrutinizing politicians whose policies go against scripture, the majority of whom are Democrats. Pastors shouldn’t worry though, as Jesus will maintain churches that are faithful to truth.

“A lot of Christian leaders have the wrong idea about Jesus,” Dr. Jeffress Jr. said. “They see Jesus as this wimpy guy who walked around plucking daisies, eating birdseed and saying nice things, but never doing anything controversial. The fact is Jesus did confront His culture with truth and He ended up being crucified because of it. Pastors don’t like controversy, many of them. They’re afraid of losing church members, getting involved in a lawsuit...Wimpy pastors produce wimpy Christians and that is why we are losing this culture war. I believe it’s time for pastors to say, ‘I don’t care about controversy, I don’t care whether I’m going to lose church members, I don’t care about building a big church. I’m going to stand for truth regardless of what happens.’”

BIG GOVERNMENT/SOCIALISM/ WEALTH REDISTRIBUTION/ENTITLEMENTS

The Democratic Party embraces expanding government to intrude into all facets of our daily lives, a primary example being Obamacare, former President Obama’s blatant government-forced takeover of healthcare. Liberals want the government to run the economy, redistribute income and establish a socially-just system that allegedly guarantees outcomes. This is socialism, regardless of what they call it. Because government doesn’t possess anything of its own, it takes money from the wealthy--through excessive taxing and strangulating restrictions/regulations on earnings and savings--then redirects it to people who have not earned it.

Leveling out the playing field is the supposed goal as socialism claims to be concerned about poor and oppressed people. For example, former President Obama incessantly contended the rich “should pay their fair share.” Yet according to several surveys, the top one percent in income earned paid 37 percent of all taxes and the top 10 percent paid 70 percent of all taxes, while the bottom 48 percent paid no income tax at all.

The danger of a socialist government was explained in the film, *Agenda: Grinding America Down*: “The liberals in America sincerely believe that this isn’t evil at all, it’s what will finally make things fair and just. There’s only one problem that pulls some of us away from this wonderful, utopian vision—history. From history, we see that whether it was Adolf Hitler’s National Socialism or Joseph Stalin’s Soviet Socialism, socialism, by whatever name and in all its forms, is the ultimate evil. Sooner or later it destroys everything in its path—law, morality, family, prosperity, productivity, education, incentive and, finally, life itself.”

Former President Obama’s plan certainly didn’t work here. His trillion-dollar stimulus didn’t revive our sagging economy. Prices and taxes went up instead of coming down. Unemployment remained excessively high and millions of people stopped looking for work. Obamacare greatly hindered our healthcare system instead of helping it due to its skyrocketed insurance rates, hidden fees, cuts in Medicare and higher taxes.

“The Democrats who ran around doing Obama’s bidding on Obamacare trying to get the thing through, ‘Oh, we’re out here reforming healthcare,’ that’s not what Obama was doing,” conservative political commentator Monica Crowley said on her radio broadcast. “Obama and the far left were busy fundamentally transforming the nation, slamming into place the crown jewel of the socialist state—socialized medicine...The point was not improving your healthcare, or your access to doctors, or getting you more affordable insurance. It was about government power and control. Once they got it, that was the end of the story; they’re moving on to other parts of the fundamental transformation. Transform the economy, lead with healthcare. Go after the financial sector, go after the energy sector and go after the industrial base with the cars. Wake up! This is what it’s about.”

Socialism fails miserably because it crushes the very people it professes to help. Consider the plight of Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, China, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, parts of Africa, among many other nations. “One of the great debates of our time is about how much of your money should be spent by the state and how much you should keep to spend on your family,” the late Margaret Thatcher said while Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. “Let us never forget this fundamental truth: the state has no source of money other than the money people earn themselves. If the state wishes to spend more, it can do so only by borrowing your savings or by taxing you more. And it’s no good thinking that someone else will pay—that someone else is you. There is no such thing as public money; there is only taxpayer’s money.” This led Thatcher to conclude, “The problem with socialism is that sooner or later you run out of other people’s money.”

Here’s why socialism is destined to fail. When you take away the profit margin from companies and job creators, they lay off workers, outsource their businesses to other countries and raise their prices to compensate for their profit loss. Workers end up on the unemployment line and products become more expensive to buy. When the economy begins to flounder, the government raises taxes on the middle class to pay for government workers and entitlement programs, having drained all it could from the wealthy.

“So here are the regulators regulating pay, regulating corporations, regulating healthcare, more government control of everything, more taxation,” Dr. MacArthur said. “Socialism, government takeover, is the complete opposite of freedom, because it eliminates your choices, it eliminates your discretionary money. If you can’t choose, you aren’t free. If the government off of the top tells you how to run your business, what to pay your people, what you have to do. If it regulates you to the gills, and you have to pay for all those regulations, and pay for all the infractions of those regulations, your freedoms are just being taken away systematically. Liberty and socialism are incompatible. That’s an oxymoron.”

Socialism violates two biblical principles pertaining to God's justice; that people shouldn't be penalized for being responsible, nor should slothfulness be rewarded. Socialists claim they're compassionate, yet their generosity only goes one way, seemingly to the underclass. God, however, is totally fair; He functions on perfectly-balanced scales. He's not a rob-from-Peter-to-pay-Paul operative, although liberals would have you believe otherwise.

When Senator Obama campaigned for the 2008 presidential election, he revealed his economic vision in the infamous "spread the wealth around" comment to Ohio resident Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher, who became commonly known as Joe the Plummer. Former President Obama abused the scripture, "*to whom much is given, from him much will be required [Luke 12:48],*" in attempting to show that Jesus would want the wealthy to pay more in taxes. Yet God never commanded the wealthy to give more or the poor to give less, as tithing is the same percentage for everyone everywhere in scripture.

Comedian/television host Adam Carolla used a Los Angeles Lakers basketball star in an analogy to dissect the problem with wealth redistribution. "We should look at this country as a team and the coach is the president," Carolla said on a television show. "Basically what we're saying is 'Hey Kobe Bryant, I know you're averaging 35 points a game, but we're going to need you to average 38 points a game so that we can win.' My thing is if you want to win leave Kobe alone, he's not broken, he's scoring already. But there's a whole bunch of other guys that are on the bench that are averaging four points a game. So let's focus on those guys, and some guys that are averaging zero and then some that are taking points away from Kobe. Let's focus on the group that's not being productive instead of putting a higher burden on a guy that's already shooting the lights out."

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 depicts the expected use of spiritual gifts from God, but it also rails against wealth redistribution. As told by Jesus, an employer went away and gave three servants talents, different sums of money, in accord with their abilities. Upon his return, the employer commended and promoted the two servants who increased the money entrusted to them. However, the third servant gave back the initial amount, having hid it instead of investing it.

If liberals had written the ending to this parable, the employer would have given the unproductive servant a portion of the monetary increase attained by the two productive servants. However, Jesus stated, "*But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant...you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore, take the talent from him and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.'*"

Ouch! Wealth redistribution advocates have used Acts 4:32-35 to illustrate that wealthy people gave portions of their financial excess to the government for distribution to the needy, but that scripture actually refutes their claim. "You notice that they brought the money and they laid it at the feet of, of, Caesar? Pontius Pilate? No, they laid it at the feet of the apostles," Dr. Kennedy stated, setting the record straight. "The apostles? How appalling,' Karl Marx would say. 'Give the money to the church? Why, it's unthinkable! It is the state that must have the power, because the state is god and the state will be the provident provider for the needs of people so they will worship the state.' But they gave the money to the church. Every socialist in the world would roll over in his grave at the sound of those words. No, my friend, this scripture is a tremendous broadside against the ship of state of socialism."

Christians are to work and accept whatever blessings God sends our way as Philippians 4:19 states, "*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" Since God calls us to be productive, it is not righteous for Christians to support taking something from someone else to put in other peoples' pockets, or our own; that's stealing. Wealthy people should be charitable because they choose to be, while the less fortunate should not be envious of the wealthy. For Christians, charity should come from the heart, as God is more interested in why we give rather than what we give.

Remember, Jesus calls for His church, for believers, to help those in need. Liberals hand out entitlements using taxpayer money, but voting for atrocities such as abortion and same-sex marriage come with the package. In stark contrast, people seeking aid from Christ's church also can receive words of encouragement and hear about the only way to salvation. Have you considered that God's intent in difficult life circumstances among non-believers could be to drive them to Him, the only source who can save them and provide their needs, now and forever?

There are many other issues and organizations the Democratic Party align with in violation of scripture. Like the United Nations; we've got to get out of there! The UN is an anti-Christian, anti-American, embrace-all-other-religions organization whose goal is to create a global society with a unified world government/religious system. This obviously is set up against Jesus as all religious systems war against Christ; Christianity not being a religion, but rather a relationship with the Savior. The book of Revelation prophesied of the horror a unified world system eventually will bring upon the world—the antichrist. It's frightening that Democratic Party leadership desires to turn over the policing terrorist activity to this corrupt fraudulent organization.

The Democratic Party also supports globalism, climate change (which is a hoax) and oil exportation. It's for providing condoms to school kids and underage girls' right to have abortions without parental notification. It advocates for the Marxist-fueled environmental movement, higher taxes, open borders, sanctuary cities, abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), free healthcare and college education—even for illegal immigrants--abolishing the Electoral College, changing the number of Supreme Court judges and much more.

Republican Party, anchored by its conservative wing, wants to retain godly morality and family values, while the Democratic Party is intent upon stamping them out. Some leftists actually have stated publicly that Christians and conservatives pose a more serious threat to our nation than Islamic terrorists; that we are causing the problems, instead of providing the solutions.

“The culture war is not just about abortion, homosexual rights or the decline of public education. These are only skirmishes,” Dr. Kennedy said. “The real war is a cosmic struggle between worldviews, between the Christian worldview and various secular and spiritual worldviews arrayed against it...Christians have always believed that God is the measure of all things; that God tells us what is good and what is bad, what is right and what is wrong. But that is rejected by humanism and man, because man becomes the judge of all things. He decides what is moral and what is immoral, what is virtuous and what is not, what is evil and what is good, what is right and what is wrong. And that has led to catastrophic consequences in our world.”

Brethren, this is serious business for salvation could be at stake here. That may sound harsh, but to go against the Bible's position on life application issues indicates a person is rebelling against the leading of the Holy Spirit or may not have it indwelling at all. For example, a person committed to Christ cannot vote in favor of abortion after repenting and seeking forgiveness from God for having one before becoming a Christian. Nor can a Christian who Christ rescued from homosexuality vote in favor of same-sex relationships.

It is literally impossible to truly repent of something and then not care about its effect on others in any form, including the law of the land. You cannot regret an action and then support a system that promotes it. That reeks of pride, callousness and trying to fool God by not really wanting to change, but rather looking to avoid His inevitable justice. That type of hypocrisy dies with a truly repentant heart, but those who do not care about their society prove to God that they never truly repented to begin with.

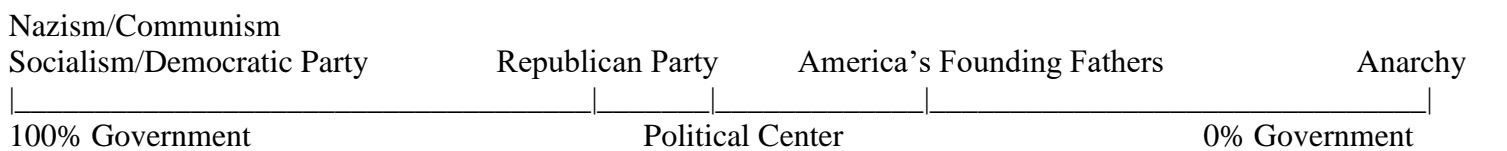
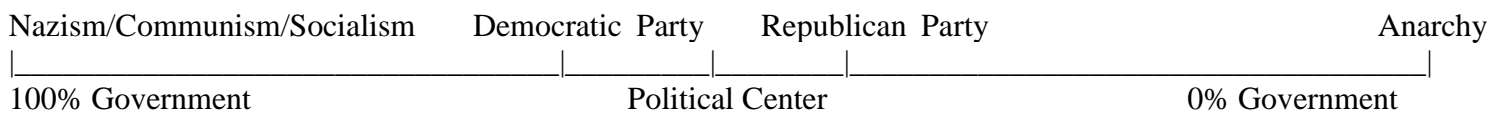
God examines the motivation behind a believer's vote. Is a person really a Christian who avoids facts and distances from thinking and consideration of truth in this matter? Can pastors preach against immorality and ungodliness from the pulpit then use a variety of innuendos to steer their congregations to vote for candidates who support those very agendas in local, state and national elections?

I have spoken to many professing Christians who said they never talk about politics or religion, or they really don't pay attention to politics. Yet every one of them—100 percent—always voted for Democratic Party candidates and had no desire to change even after I gave them Bible-based reasons to do so.

“Many Christians live their lives without developing deep moral convictions that are non-negotiable,” said Dr. Jack Graham, pastor at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. “Some things are non-negotiable and we need to know what they are—not according to society’s mores, or the laws of tradition, but according to the law of God. And then, no matter what, come hell or high water, to live by those biblical principles, to seek the wisdom of God, to think scripturally, to live purely. We are to be light in a dark world and we are to pass our values along.”

The “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” Democratic Party of the late former President John F. Kennedy is history, hijacked by leftist extremists, many from the rebellious sixties, whose goal is to turn American into a secular, socialist nation. The film, *Agenda: Grinding America Down*, chronicled how the socialist/communist movement cleverly used liberals, sometimes without their knowledge, to overcome numerous obstacles during the past few decades: “They promoted cohabitation instead of marriage to destroy the family and placed children into government programs at the earliest possible age. They supported the feminist movement to make women discontent with marriage and motherhood. They got behind the environmental movement to create enough regulation and red tape to discourage business growth. They guided us to accept homosexuality, believing it would destroy our culture, religion and traditional moral values.”

The film used the two graphs below to illustrate this point. The first graph shows where our country previously stood politically. The second shows the negative movement as of 2010, when the DVD was released. Both political parties moved to the left, but the Democrats have drifted so far that they’re working together with the radicals.



Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit, the 2016 sequel to the first *Agenda* film, exposed how this breakdown in our society has us on the verge of a radical takeover. “You’ve got all these loyal Democrats out there, good patriotic people, who still think they’re voting for Harry Truman and JFK,” author Trevor Loudon stated in the film. “Look, by the standards of today, do you think Harry Truman or JFK would have a chance in today’s Democratic Party? Those guys today would probably be in the Tea Party. Yet their party is now run by communists and all these loyal Democrats all over this country are still voting on party lines and basically voting for Marxists and anti-Americans because they do not understand their party has been taken over.”

Loudon went even deeper: “The Marxists set a policy. It might be socialization of student loans, or green jobs, or cap and trade, card check, or a new START treaty with Russia, or Obamacare, or immigration amnesty. They’re behind the campaign to end fracking, they’re behind the gutting of your military. They’re behind the dumbing down of your schools and Common Core. All of these programs are being orchestrated by small Marxist groups who have been able to take over the labor movement of this country. And by doing that, they then took over the Democratic Party and are now running the country [under former President Barack Obama.]”

President Trump is avidly seeking to reinstitute God, family, country and Constitution, but the Democratic Party is fighting against this vehemently and viciously each and every step along the way. Brethren, we must never forget how incredibly blessed we are. Our nation has been far from perfect; slavery attests to that. Horrifically, Christians are being persecuted and murdered worldwide. Yet we're still able to proclaiming Jesus' name publicly because God has been at the forefront of the laws that govern our land. But His patience has limits.

Consider the words of Dr. Henry Blackaby during his speech at the National Day of Prayer event in Lancaster, PA, in May of 2005. "When God brought judgment on Israel [captured by the Babylonians], it was God's people who never recognized that they had departed from the heart of God," said Dr. Blackaby, the founder and retired president of Blackaby Ministries International in Atlanta, GA. "...Our generation is no different from theirs. I believe God makes no exceptions, plays no favorites. And if you have any sensitivity to what's happening in American today, you would tremble. God has never allowed a nation who has had so much of the blessing of God, and turned aside from it so thoroughly, ever to survive."

I feel the pain of bonding with Jesus in agonizing over the devastating results I believe voting tendencies can cause many people who believe they belong to Christ. I thought I was a Christian early in my adult life. Yet, in retrospect, I did not really know God, I had minimal knowledge of the Bible and I had no clue what living your life for Christ entailed. Deny your goals and aspirations, pick up your cross daily and follow Jesus [Matthew 16:24]? I was too busy doing my own thing, first as a sports writer for Newsday, then the New York Daily News and later in the music business, managing DManns Music contemporary jazz flutist Dwayne Kerr. God should have been at the forefront of everything I was doing, but I quite often left Him in the background.

I went along with most liberal ideas and considered myself a "brother," supporting black causes and policies that seemingly aided "us." However, my perspective quickly changed in 1997 after I truly became born again, a follower of Jesus. My political association reflects my new birth; I'm a conservative who believes in small government, free enterprise, family values and bible-based morality.

Unfortunately, this is the exception, instead of the rule, as more than 92 percent of black people have voted for Democratic Party candidates for decades, a staggering number. I asked a pastor I knew who is black why he voted for Senator Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election. "Because I thought George Bush was pandering to Christians," he responded. I replied, "As a pastor, you didn't trust the candidate who said he was a Christian and looked to implement Christian values, whether he would do that or not. And you voted for the guy who openly stood for things you know are ungodly?" The pastor sheepishly lowered his head in silence.

Perceived racism is the reason often given why black voters dismiss Republican Party candidates. In reality, the Republican Party platform considers all people only as Americans instead of the divide-into-groups-and-conquer philosophy liberals ascribe to, a strategy straight out of Saul Alinsky's 1971 book, "Rules for Radicals," the revered community organizing socialist manifesto. For Christians, the definition of racism is the rejection and persecution of Jesus and of believers. Hence, Democrats are showing they are the real racists—against Christ!

Dr. David Ireland, pastor at Christ Church in Montclair, NJ, issued this warning to people who define themselves by their race: "The worst thing that people can do is to connect themselves with their race to the point where they disconnect themselves with the race of the kingdom of God."

Christians must be defined by God alone. Otherwise, the world will do it in accord to its secular agendas. Galatians 3:26 reveals our identity: "*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ.*" Colossians 3:9-11 adds to that: "*...you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*"

Dr. Evans provided this insightful biblical perspective on the issue of race: “You are technically closer to your brother or sister in Christ who is a different race than your brother or sister in the flesh who are not Christians. Because your brother and sister in the flesh, if they don’t become Christians, when they die, you will never see them again. Your brother and sister of a different race, if they are Christians, you will be with forever. So when it comes to family, there is ultimately a new family and that’s God’s household.”

Then Dr. Evans unveiled the racial snare an alarming number of black people who profess Christ fall into. “Many times folks from African-American descent will make an appeal to other African-Americans based on race,” he explained. “People will acquiesce to it, even if it’s wrong, just so they satisfy what they believe is in the best interest of the group—whether or not it agreed with what’s in the best interest of God. Jesus says when it comes to God, God is only interested in spirit and truth...There are two answers to every question, God’s answer and everyone else’s and everyone else is wrong.”

It’s incredulous that black professing Christians voted for Obama because he is black—in actuality he’s mixed; his deceased mother was white--neglecting to consider or believe his agenda clashed violently with scripture. That issue no longer is up for debate now that we’ve lived through eight years of his Marxist policies.

“He’s never had a business, he’s never had a real job, he doesn’t understand how it all works,” Harry C. Alford, President and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce said on a television show during Obama’s presidency. “I don’t really support him too well. He knows it and that’s a badge of honor. He’s bad and I supported him, I voted for him the first time around. I had hopes because he was black; shame on me. He does not believe in capitalism the way our Founding Fathers did. He is very social and it’s getting very borderline communist.”

Elbert Guillory, a former member of the Louisiana State Senate, who is black, was a longtime Republican who switched over to the Democratic Party in 2007, then returned to his Republican roots while Obama was president. “In recent history, the Democrat party has created the illusion that their agenda and their policies are what’s best for black people,” Guillory said on a video he circulated via the internet. “At the heart of liberalism is the idea that only a great and powerful big government can be the benefactor of social justice for all Americans. But the left is only concerned with one thing, control, and they disguise this control as charity. The idea that blacks, or anyone, need the government to get ahead in life is despicable. Our self-initiative and our self-reliance have been sacrificed in exchange for allegiance to our overseers, who control us by making us dependent on them.”

Lack of leadership is one reason black people fell into this voting trap, as many black leaders, in their insecurity and desire to advance secularly, have provided sounds of human pride and rebellion that have drowned out Jesus’ words of truth. Dr. Jerry L. Buckner, pastor at Tiburon Christian Fellowship in Tiburon, CA, and host of the Contending For the Faith radio broadcast in San Francisco, dealt with this in his article, “Is Christian Orthodoxy Strong in the Black Church?” published in the Christian Research Journal’s November 2004 issue.

“Based on my experience as an African-American pastor, teacher, and speaker at various Black churches, it is my opinion that the Black church in America today does not have a strong commitment to Christian orthodoxy in doctrine and practice,” Dr. Buckner wrote. “Historically, the Black church has emphasized social issues, including racism and poverty. When there is a lack of training and discernment, the church can easily join hands with aberrant or even cultic groups that embrace these same issues. In the area of poverty, for example, the Word-Faith teachers emphasize health and wealth. This way of thinking attracts many in the Black church who have lived in poverty all their lives. Guaranteed prosperity sounds very attractive. In the area of racism, many people in the Black church who claim to be Christians have joined forces with unorthodox teachers and groups, such as Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, in activities such as the Million Man March. They do these things in the name of justice, but in the process, they have laid aside their doctrinal beliefs and instead lent credibility to these teachers and groups and provided a platform for them to spread unorthodox teaching.”

In closing, you cannot profess your love for God then vote for policies He detests. Voting has become a matter of ideology instead of individual politician's beliefs, as the party platforms are in direct opposition on critical issues and the Democrats particularly demand their candidates stick to the game plan. As Christians, we cannot vote a person into the presidency who will appoint liberal judges who view atrocities such as the legalization of abortion, same-sex marriage and the removal of God from our schools, government and daily lives as progress in our nation.

Recent presidential elections spoke volumes as to the sanctification of those who truly look to follow the Jesus' path, while sifting those who do not. If you profess to be a Christian and you vote for Democratic Party candidates, bring this issue to the Lord in meditation and earnest prayer. Ask God to confirm or deny this thesis. And please know this: His truth will prevail.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" —Matthew 11:15

With the love of Christ,

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