

Tonight, is part 2 of Economics that Blesses a nation....

Proverbs 29:2 King James Version (KJV)

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Proverbs 29:2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

2 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.

From voting, to how we conduct our lives at work, with family, obedience unto Gods Word - we choose...

Deuteronomy 30:19 King James Version (KJV)

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Proverbs 14:12 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

12 There is a way which seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.

Isaiah 46:9-10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

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Ecclesiastes 3:15 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

15 That which is now already has been, and that which is to be already has been; and God seeks that which has passed by [so that history repeats itself].

Ecclesiastes 3:15 King James Version (KJV)

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

One of those areas that has “already been” is **Economics**. Last week we looked at how government is really an economic system. We looked at the entrepreneur, business, freedom that this country was founded on. Freedom comes in three categories. First of all, it is economic. Secondly, it is political. Thirdly, it is how we view ourselves - this is the spiritual.

All three of these freedoms, economics freedom, political freedom and spiritual or religious freedom are all intertwined.

Now the difference between wealth of a nation or freedom in all areas and another nation, where you go across the border of one nation and the standard of living either goes up or down is this... because of the government. Government is the economic system.

Politics is: Integrity + Economics
or
Politics = Integrity + Economics

The kind of people we need and should want to elect are people of integrity.

I'm convinced that integrity is 2 things. Integrity is first, morality. *I define morality as "not doing what is wrong"*. You don't steal, you don't lie, etc. Basically you're a good person in that, you don't do what is wrong.

But, integrity is more than that. Integrity is also character and *I define character as "doing what is right"*. As an example, your daughter comes home from school and she says "they were all picking on Sarah and calling her names, but I didn't do it."

Ok, that's good, you did not do anything wrong. But, did you have the character to do what was right. Did you stand up for her, did you come to her defense? That takes strength, that takes character.

In order for a person to have character, first of all, they must have morality. Don't ever believe if there is a person who has terrible morals, but says, "*in times of crisis I will make the wise decisions for our nation.*" You and I are being deceived, often willingly. If he/she doesn't have the morality first, they will never have the character.

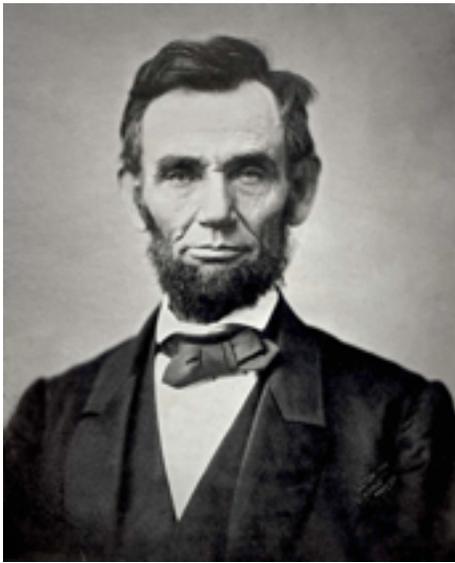
Politics = Science Of Government
Integrity = Morality + Character
Character = Doing What Is Right
Morality = Not Doing What Is Wrong

We also went over: The greater the freedom,
The greater the wealth....

This had to do with third party purchases: you spend money that's not yours to purchase something that you're not going to consume. You don't care about price or quality. That is called a third party purchase.

Here's the point. By definition, all government purchases are third party purchases. These are purchases with money that is not theirs for something that they will not personally consume.

A third party purchase is:
purchasing something that you will not
consume with money that is not yours.



That is why *Abraham Lincoln* said, “We want government to do only those things what we can not do for ourselves.”

We can not defend ourselves, so will there be waste in the defense department - of course, there will be waste in anything that they do. So as a result we want to limit what they do.

We concluded with learning about *free enterprise*: Free enterprise and a free market rewards good behavior and punishes bad behavior. By definition, all government, not just democrat, republican, socialist, labor...all government operates on the opposite scale.

Governments (socialism) rewards bad behavior and punishes good behavior. The greater the government the greater the poverty.

So, why would a president or leader of nation do these things knowing it will make their nation poorer. Every time you have an increase in government, every time you have a socialized government the country gets poorer and poorer.

Why would they do it year after year, century after century knowing (by history) that when free enterprise comes in the country restores itself.

Britain was flat and broke in the 1970's...Margaret Thatcher comes in and cuts the taxes, cuts the burden of government and Britain comes roaring back. Then along comes Tony Blair who is a socialist, he wanted more government control (less religious freedom)...why do they do that?

They do it for this reason. They (socialist governments) believe that there is a certain amount of wealth. They think that Bill Gates was sitting in Redmond, Washington one day and boom, Microsoft fell on top of him and he became a billionaire.

They don't know how it happened but some how it did. They think that Henry Ford was sitting in Dearborn, MI. one day and bam - he owns the Ford Motor Company. They think that Thomas Edison is some how wealthy by chance.

Back in the 1990's Richard Gephardt, then the leader of the Democrat party said that these wealthy people were just lucky in lifes lottery. They were just standing on street corner and bam they were granted wealth and there it was. They literally don't know how wealth is created.

Wealth is created by risk and responsibility and it has to be built. There is no inherent value in sand. It's when someone changes sand into silicon and then it becomes a chip that it has value.

When you take the natural resources of the Republic of Congo (formerly Republic of Zaire till 1997), even great Britain and Russian, they would be some of the richest nations on earth.

There are nations that are in the top five in abundant diamond resources, potential oil production, strategic metals yet they are some of the poorest spots on the planet...why? because of the government.

Freedom creates wealth, it's entrepreneurs risking, people staying up late and figuring things out. That is how people become wealthy.

Wealth does not come unless someone creates or produces something. People who do not know that, **are always fearful.**



In 1978 President Jimmy Carter came on tv and said that Americans had to, “turn down their thermostats, ride bicycles, wear sweaters to bed.. if not, America was coming to an end in a week and there wasn't anything anyone could do about it.” He said that we were “running out of everything and natural gas would be gone in 10 years.”

2 Timothy 1:7 Amplified Bible

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7 King James Version

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Isaiah 41:10 Amplified Bible

10 Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice.

Isaiah 41:13 Amplified Bible

13 For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!

Philippians 4:19 Amplified Bible

19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 King James Version

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 121:1 King James Version

121 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Get your eyes off the things of this earth...

Joshua 1:9 Amplified Bible

9 Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 King James Version

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

We have to stop the fear - the enemy uses fear to manipulate and so do politicians.

The enemy puts thoughts in your mind like...But what about my pension? my retirement ? causes for people with no or little voice? what about the planet?

Well Pastor Grant, I have to vote for this candidate because He is for the unions and that is my retirement. Even though he is for abortion, gay marriage, against religious freedom and liberties. Even though they are not righteous I need to look out for me.

From all the different groups, organizations, causes, needs and “things” that are out there where you might think - how are all these needs going to be met ? the answer is Jesus and not government.

Pastor - I live in the real world... Well, once you give your heart to Jesus Christ you are seated in heavenly places. You and I have privileges and we are commanded to go speak the good news to everyone. The poor in spirit, the poor in body-sick, the poor in finances. Jesus is the answer and not the government. We have been voting away the king of kings to stay in a boat in the middle of a storm thinking an economic system contrary to Gods Word is going to save us.

An economic system contrary to Gods Word contains payments for things that the bible says are a sin.

We have become frightened or scared about who is going to save us. Peter did the same things...What did Jesus say to Peter when he took his eyes off of Him?

Matthew 14:26-32 Amplified Bible

26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.

27 But instantly He spoke to them, saying, Take courage! I Am! Stop being afraid!

28 And Peter answered Him, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.

29 He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus.

30 But when he perceived and felt the strong wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me [from death]!

31 Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

All throughout the gospels Jesus told his disciples to fear not, stop being afraid - I am with you !

Satan uses people to scare you whether they know it or not. Why? because they don't know what to do either - lack of wisdom, lack of vision, lack of knowledge and the bible says without it , my people will perish.

When President Carter, by this scare tactic, got state legislators across America to set up the dept or Energy. (which is really the dept. of non energy because they don't actually produce anything.) They went out and began to tax energy production.

So, if you engaged in any part of business you paid one level of tax and they put an extra burden on energy production. If you actually had the audacity to go out and try and find oil in our country (because we are in a shortage) the government would tax you twice as much and as a result we had shortages.

As a result several businesses went under, they were ready to supply but, government thought we didn't have enough....today we have known in reserves, over 100 years in natural gas.

Those in government who do not know what creates wealth are always afraid. We are going to freeze to death, overheat the planet, over populate etc... they have an infinite capacity to install fear into any who will listen to get a vote. They want people dependent on the government ruled by men instead of trusting in the government of our God.

But, you and I know that wealth is created by someone and not something that is stumbled upon by people who do not work.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 Amplified Bible

10 For while we were yet with you, we gave you this rule and charge: If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

Proverbs 6:6-15 Amplified Bible

*6 Go to the ant, you **sluggard**; consider her ways and be wise!*

Definition of sluggard:

noun/synonyms: lazy, do-nothing, idler, loafer, lounge, good-for-nothing, shirker, underachiever; slug, lazybones, bum, couch potato

7 Which, having no chief, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provides her food in the summer and gathers her supplies in the harvest.

9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down and sleep—

11 So will your poverty come like a robber or one who travels [with slowly but surely approaching steps] and your want like an armed man [making you helpless].

12 A worthless person, a wicked man, is he who goes about with a perverse (contrary, wayward) mouth.

13 He winks with his eyes, he speaks by shuffling or tapping with his feet, he makes signs [to mislead and deceive] and teaches with his fingers.

14 Willful and contrary in his heart, he devises trouble, vexation, and evil continually; he lets loose discord and sows it.

15 Therefore upon him shall the crushing weight of calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken, and that without remedy.

Government will also come along and tell us this...sense there is a set amount of wealth, no one created it, it just landed here. Because of this, a kind, caring, loving, considerate person should be elected and be put in government to get you, your fair share. Because, you are entitled to it by right.

If you are sitting on the couch doing nothing and someone running for office tells you: you are entitled to have unlimited health care, free housing, free college, triple the money for the same job that is going to catch your attention.

Most politicians who are for obamacare or universal healthcare are also for abortion or a child is not entitled to life just entitled to get health care.

If people don't know or don't understand the principle of how this works - they will vote for these types of government leaders. If a person votes for them, they will destroy the goose that lays the golden eggs.

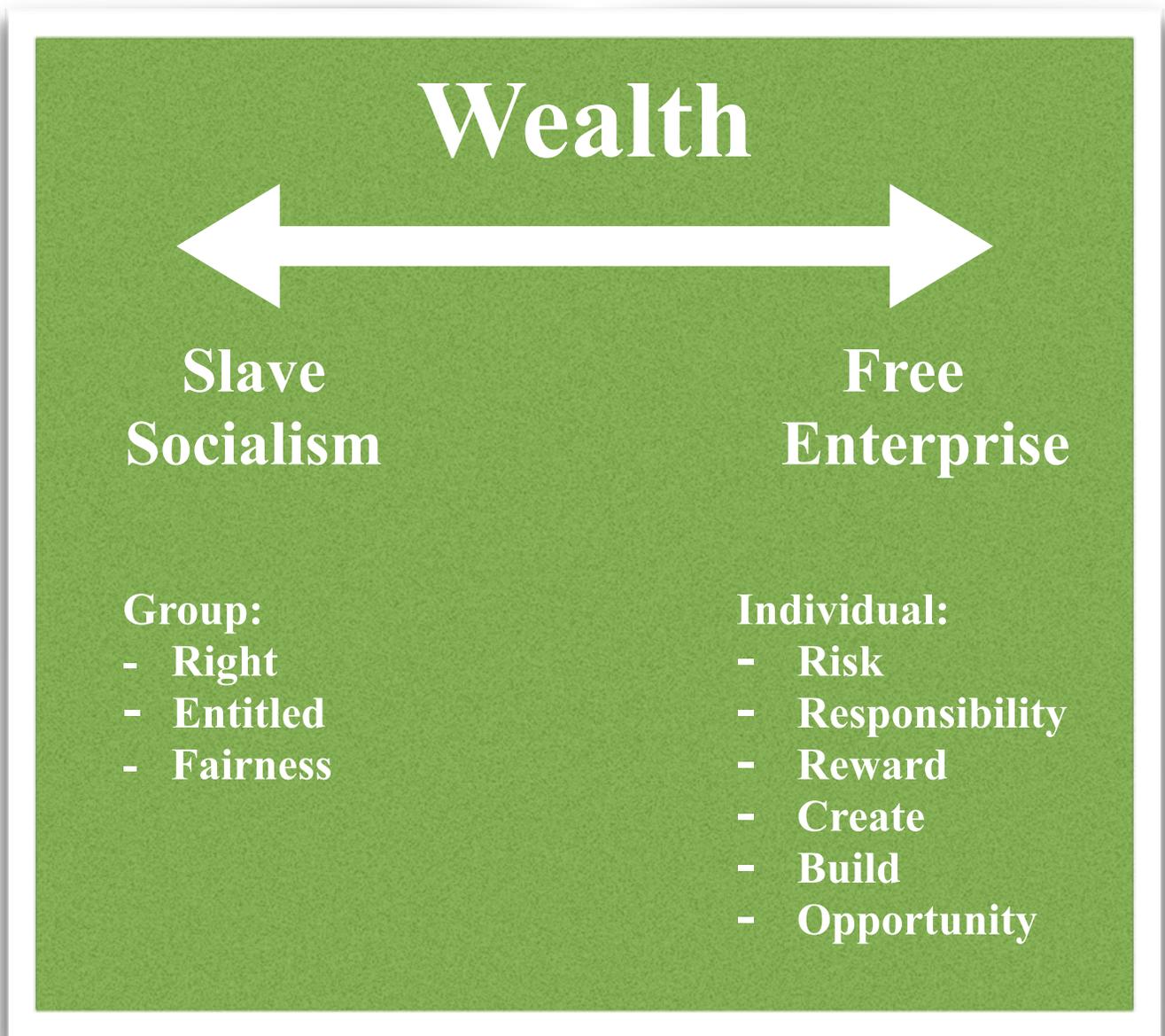
In the 1930's, Argentina was the 5th richest nation on earth. But then came economic collapse. They decided that everyone should be taken care of. All we (government) have to do is take the money from the "filthy rich" people and we can redistribute it.

What they did was smash the economy and the whole country collapsed. The entrepreneur and businesses fled and Argentina paid the price for decades after that.

This can happen to any nation and it can happen to any city. A city like Washington D.C. which is a beautiful place. But what happened is back in the 1990's is they decided to tax anything and anyone.

They said, there's a gas station, people need gas, let's tax them 25 cents per gallon. So people said, if I go across the bridge in Virginia I can get gas for 25 cents less - pretty easy to figure out.

As a result they only had a few gas stations in the nations Capital because the government leaders at that time didn't understand that if you tax production, the whole thing disappears, everyone goes into poverty and then you get no taxes at all.



The only way you create wealth is to give people the freedom to function in all areas of their lives. (Economics, Politics, Spiritual)

When you hear a political commercial about risking, saving, investing you start to understand that this candidate doesn't think money grows on trees or comes from other people, it has to be produced.

I want to share with you some verbiage that I zero in on when I listen to a 30 second political commercial. The commercial starts with a guy walking with his wife on a beach, holding hands and he's giving her a big kiss....don't get lost in the imagery, listen to the words.

When the candidate says "I'm fighting"... what do you mean fighting? Fighting means you're going to take something that belongs to someone else...you don't have to fight otherwise.

When you hear, "I'm fighting to help you" that is a very dangerous term.

We have looked at economics and how it is employed in government. Remember, there are 2 political thoughts: *one person believes* that government improves the standard of living and *the other understands* that government destroys the standard of living. One side always wants more government and the other wants less government.

How do you get more government? you take more money out of the paycheck at the end of the day through higher taxes. The other side says, you don't want to do that. You want less taxes.

The one side says the every dime I spend to defend the country to buy more tanks and planes takes away from how many food stamps that I can give away to get votes. So, they will always want to weaken defense. The other side says I want a strong defense.

These 2 sides that I'm speaking about are, **liberals and conservatives**. Liberals are people who want more and more government, they liberate, they come up with new ideas.

The conservative says, lets preserve the freedom that we have. Let's conserve that which makes us great as a nation. The liberal will say, you just want to hold on to what you have - greed, no the conservative wants to hold on to the freedom that we have.

As a result, the conservative wants a strong defense, well Pastor Grant doesn't that mean bigger government, I thought you want a smaller government?

Conservatives just don't want a smaller government, the reason we want less taxes, the reason we want a strong defense is we want to preserve freedom. Less government gives us freedom. Less taxes gives us freedom. A strong defense preserves our freedom. The goal is not just less government the goal is freedom.

When you and I vote, we choose one team or the other. Who ever gets into office will support one of those 2 sides. The side who believes in more government, more taxes, weaker defense and forcing you to have and accept diverse lifestyles - this is what will happen.

On the first day of every assembly wether it be in Tallahassee, Sacramento, Carson City, Lansing...when the state legislators get together or when congress meets in Washington for their meetings, they all vote with one side or the other. One political party or the other.

The politicians understand that there is a difference and so should you and I. There is a tremendous difference, “it” doesn’t care that there is good people or nice people on both sides. **The question is, how will they vote.**

One will vote to have more government which means we will have less freedom (religious as well), less wealth and the other will vote to have less government which gives us greater freedom (religious as well) and greater wealth. These politicians will vote the party line every time, every single one of them.

They will choose the **leader of the house of representatives, which is called the speaker.** Then they choose **the head of the senate which is the majority leader.**

Every democratic votes for the Democrat candidate for speaker and every Republican votes for the Republican candidate for speaker. So, why does this matter?

Because, those two people decide what goes on in the government, from the state legislator in Nevada or in the Congress of The United States.

Once the speaker is chosen, they create the various committees. They do this off the top of their head. “I don’t like this committee...let’s vote again”, they will get everyone who wants to vote their way and say, “see we out voted you”. Who’s ever in charge - they create the committees.

This is important because they appoint the members, they will always appoint more members to the committee from their team than the opponents team so they always win.

Immediately people will say, ‘Well, I don't think that is fair’... so. You can’t take politics out of politics. Well, that’s political - you’re right and it’s called politics. Politics is the science of government. This is the way it has always been and always will be. When a side wins, they want to do what they said they will do so they get elected again.

One side wants to have more government and be liberated from the freedoms or in their minds the confines of freedom to start and pay everything they can come up with. They want to play God. They want to supply the things that God said He shall supply.

The current administration has cut military spending (the thing that we can't do for ourselves) to pay for things that God said we should do for ourselves with His help. The other side says we want to cut taxes and stop paying for all the things that God said He would do and increase the military to protect our freedoms.

Well Pastor Grant - why can't the 2 sides just get along? We don't want the two to get along. If we care about what God's Word says and elect someone who does as well, we don't want them to compromise, because we won. We want them to do what they said they will do. So both sides when they win, set up the committees to have more votes so they keep on winning to have their agendas met.

So when that team wins they get to appoint the chairman. What does that mean? Anyone in Congress in the legislature can introduce a bill. But, only the chairman can call up a bill for consideration. The chairman only considers bills that are sponsored for people on their team.



So, this important to know....in 1976 Jimmy Carter pointed his finger and Gerald Ford and said, "you were in congress for 25 years why didn't you do something about it?"

The only reason he could say that is because he knew that what most people don't know... that Gerald Ford, while in congress as the minority leader, which is powerful spokesperson (minority means the other team got more votes then you got), never even got a bill heard in committee, let alone passed a bill that became law.

When you and I vote, we are voting for one team to run over the other team. This is not a game about who is the best looking team, who has the best hair, who likes sports, who is cool...this is serious business. This decides wether or not a nation succeeds or fails.

This determines why some nations are free and some are not. Why some nations are wealthy and some are not. Why you can get quality health care in some places and others there is nothing on the shelves at the grocery store.

The United States which makes up 4% of the worlds population has 50% of the Nobel Prize winners. Why is that?

Is it because the United States is just inherently smarter? Half of the Nobel Prize winners from America were not born here. So, when they came from these other countries and arrived in America did they all of a sudden become smart? No, it's the freedom that allowed them to succeed.

Why is it that there is so much great wealth in the Indian community in America but such abject poverty in India? If you allow freedom in India, that nation will take off.

But, when nations have a high tax rate, there is no motivation to go do anything. Might as well relax and do nothing. That is contrary to God's Word, but, the economic system sets people up to live contrary the Gods Word.

It is so important who we vote for. The economic system you and I choose will bring prosperity or poverty, it will make us free or slaves and ultimately what we are choosing one one two things: is government God or do we have the religious freedom to worship God as we choose.

