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Ecclesiastes 3:15 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 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.

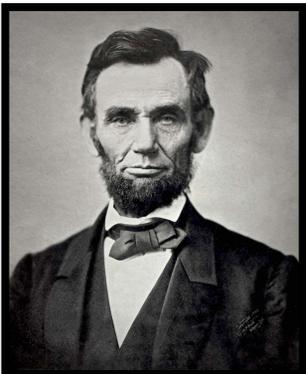
The difference between wealth of a nation or freedom in all areas and another nation, where you go across the border of one nation and the standard of living either goes up or down is this...because of the government. Government is the economic system.

The greater the freedom, The greater the wealth....in all ares of life.

This had to do with third party purchases: you spend money thats 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.

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.

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.

So, 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 life's 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 Russia, 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 and 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 AMPC

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 KJV

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 AMPC

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 AMPC

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 AMPC

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 KJV

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

Psalms 121:1 KJV

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 AMPC

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 KJV

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.

You and I and all followers's of Jesus Christ have to stop the fear - the enemy uses fear to manipulate and so do politicians.

Faith and fear can't coexist, fear tolerated is faith contaminated!

The Bible commands us to live by faith...

Hebrews 11:6 AMPC

6 But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

Romans 1:17 AMPC

17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.

Hebrews 10:38 AMPC

38 But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live [a]by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.

James 2:26 AMPC

26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

Philippians 4:19 AMPC

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

If God supplies all my needs I don't need to fear and make government my god...

1 John 4:7 AMPC

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know and understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him].

1 John 4:7 KJV

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:18 AMPC

18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love [a]turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].

1 John 4:18 KJV

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

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 or party/platform because they are for the unions and that is my retirement. Even though they are for abortion, gay marriage, against religious freedom and liberties. Even though this pray is against God and wants to become our god 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? As a born again follower of Jesus Christ, an imitator of the Word, as one who believes that GOD’s Word is TRUE...the answer is Jesus and not government.

Pastor Grant, 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 God’s Word is going to save us.

An economic system contrary to God’s 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 thing...What did Jesus say to Peter when he took his eyes off of Him?

Matthew 14:26-32 AMPC

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 wether 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 Department of 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.

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.

Note: _____

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 AMPC

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 AMPC

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 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.

Poverty: In 2023, 40% of Argentines were living in poverty, and 55% of children were below the poverty line.

Inflation: In 2022, Argentina's inflation rate reached 100%, and in November 2023 it reached 143%. In January 2024, inflation reached a 32-year high of 211%.

GDP: Argentina's GDP is estimated at \$654.89 billion in 2023, which is far below its regional competitors Brazil and Mexico.

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.

When you and I vote, we choose one team or the other or package,/ platform. 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 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.**

Colossians 3:17 AMPC

17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

Proverbs 14:12 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.

Deuteronomy 30:19 AMPC

19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live.

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. They are trying to get people addicted or or dependent upon government with no questions asked.**

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. Both sides when they win, set up the committees to have more votes so they keep on winning to have their agendas met.

When that team, party/platform 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.



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 a 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.



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