

Justice

Proverbs 21:3,13,15,25-26

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The Bible teaches us much about justice. Jesus demonstrated much when it comes to justice. The early church shows us much when it comes to justice.

- I. Job is an example of justice.
 - A. 29:11-17 – poor, fatherless, widows, handicapped, needy
 - B. 30:25 – needy
 - C. 31:1-12 – women
 - D. 31:13-15 – servants
 - E. 31:16-23 – poor, widows, fatherless, needy
 - F. 31:29-34 – the unjust and traveler
 - G. 31:24-28 – selfish greed = idolatry
- II. Solomon is a professor of justice. (1:3, 2:8-9, 8:20, 17:23, 18:5, 19:28, 21:3 & 15, 28:5, 29:4 & 26)
- III. Jesus is a proponent of justice.
 - A. He welcomed children
 - B. He elevated women
 - C. He accepted outcasts
 - D. He healed beggars
 - E. He fed the hungry
 - F. He challenged oppressors (Luke 20:45-47)
- IV. The church practiced justice.
 - A. Seeing people differently (Galatians 3:25-28)
 - B. Treat all people kindly (1 Timothy 5:1-2)
 - C. Help the needy (James 1:27)
 - D. Not the lazy (2 Thessalonians 3:6:12)

Today's cultural Marxists are humanists who believe the heart of man is basically good and with economic and educational equality evil and crime will disappear. To them "social justice" is the path to life being good for everyone.

The Bible teaches the sinful heart of man and because of that it teaches the need for a government that protects its citizens from those who are out to hurt them and provide law enforcement to punish those who break the law. It teaches us "the gospel" is the path to life being good for everyone. (Romans 13:1-7)

So What?

- God says he loves us so much he sent Jesus reconcile us to himself because he values all of us.
- Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and he shows us what God's kind of justice is like.
- Jesus said we are to love God and that implies submitting to Him with all that we are and have.
- Jesus said we are to love people like we love ourselves and that implies valuing all people equally.