

## Nine Biblical Principles that Expose the Social Justice Movement and Marxism as Contrary to Authentic Christianity

—Marxism Is Unbiblical, and Even Anti-Biblical and Anti-Christian—

Statements made by Karl Marx himself stand in opposition to biblical truth. Here are nine biblical principles; after each one, one or more statements from Marx follow that represent attempts to refute or oppose the principle. Beware! Marxism and its siblings, socialism and communism, continue to seek to defy biblical truth and Christianity today.

**Principle 1:** The God of the Bible, and none other, is God; and we are to acknowledge and revere Him and Him only. (See Ex. 20:1-3; Deut. 5:5-7; 13:4; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 14:1.) By contrast, Marx said,

- Communism begins where atheism begins.
- My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism.
- There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, , etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience.

**Principle 2:** God created every member of the human family in His image. Everyone is a sovereign individual, and every person should be treated with dignity and respect. (See Gen. 1:26-28; 9:6.) Marx denied this biblical tenet. He said,

The democratic concept of man is false, because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that...each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity.

**Principle 3:** The Bible commends hard work and the benefit of enjoying the results of one's labor. (See Prov. 6:6-11; 10:4-5; 12:14; 13:4; 14:23; 16:26; 22:29; 28:19; Eccl. 3:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6-12.) On the other hand, Karl Marx said:

- A heavy or progressive or graduated income tax is necessary for the proper development of Communism.
- From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs. Marx was

referring to government redistribution of wealth, a tenet of the social justice movement.

**Principle 4:** In connection with human sovereignty (having been made in God's image) the Bible affirms property rights. (See Ex. 20:15,17; Deut. 5:19,21.) Karl Marx was vehemently opposed to the idea of private property.

The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.

**Principle 5:** The Bible affirms economic freedom, including the exchange of what one owns for something else. (See principle 8 on this list: <https://t.ly/FmbZO>.) This implies benefit for both the buyer and the seller. (See Genesis 23; Matt. 13:44-46; 20:1-16; 24:45-51; 25:14-30; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 10:25-37.) Karl Marx viewed economic freedom with disdain.

- Accumulation of wealth at one pole is at the same time accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation, at the opposite pole.
- There must be something rotten in the very core of a social system which increases its wealth without diminishing its misery.

**Principle 6:** The Bible commends charity from individuals, the church, and, by extension, faith-based organizations. (See Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:20-22; Prov. 14:21; 17:5; 19:17; 22:9; 28:3; 29:7; Acts 11:27-30; Rom. 15:25-27; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-9:15; Gal. 2:9-10; Eph. 4:28.) Karl Marx believed the state should take from those who have to give it to those in need. With socialism, government coercion is the order of the day.

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**Principle 7:** Parents are responsible before God for the education and training of their children. (See Deut. 6:4-25; Prov. 1:8; 3:12; 6:20; 10:1;

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13:1,24; 15:20; 17:25; 22:15; 23:13-14; 28:7; 29:15; Eph. 6:1-4. Do not be overly concerned about the references in Proverbs to “beating” one’s child or children. The emphasis is on appropriate discipline; this is not authorization for abuse.) Karl Marx, by contrast, believed that children belonged to the state.

The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother’s care, shall be in state institutions.

**Principle 8:** Government’s job is to maintain order in society by commending those who do right and punishing those who do wrong. Nowhere in Scripture do we see any indication that it is government’s job to meet people’s needs. (See Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; 1 Tim. 2:1-2.) Karl Marx believed in upsetting and overthrowing order and establishing a “new order” rooted in socialist and communist principles. Note the ruthless nature of the following statements from Marx. It’s amazing that socialism has a reputation for being compassionate!

- We have no compassion and we ask no compassion from you. When our turn comes, we shall not make excuses for the terror.

- Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him. Teach a man to fish, and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity.
- ...the Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things... They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.
- The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism.

**Principle 9:** Remembering a godly heritage and God’s redemptive work keeps individuals and nations from straying away from the truth and from right living. (See Ex. 12:1-28; Deut. 5:12-15; 6:4-25; 24:17-19; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Eph. 2:11-13.) Karl Marx understood that distorting and misrepresenting a nation’s heritage would make the people vulnerable to takeover. Marx said,

- Take away a nation’s heritage and they are more easily persuaded.
- Keep people from their history, and they are easily controlled.
- If you can cut the people off from their history, then they can be easily persuaded.

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