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*hunger drives them on.*

*1 Thess. 4:11 ...and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you,<sup>12</sup> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

*2 Thess. 3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,<sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.<sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate.<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."*

*<sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.<sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.*

*Prov. 12:11 He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.*

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## Economics 1

### Platforms & Policies—part 3

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#### What Does the Bible Say About Economics?

*Prov. 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

*Prov. 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.*

*Deut. 25:15 You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

*Eph. 4:28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

*Prov. 16:26 The appetite of laborers works for them; their hunger drives them on.*

*Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...*

#### Critics of Capitalism

- “Crony” Capitalism

*Genesis 6:11 Now the earth was **corrupt** in God's sight and was full of violence.<sup>12</sup> God saw how **corrupt** the earth had become, for **all** the people on earth had **corrupted their ways**.*

- Greed

*1 Timothy 6:9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

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- Price-gouging

- Profit

*Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a **profit**, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

## What is democratic socialism?

Socialism is the pursuit of an economic system defined by government planning, direction, and control.

“[i]n the long run, Democratic Socialists want to end capitalism.... Social democratic reforms like Medicare-for-all are, in the eyes of DSA, part of the long, uneven process of building that support, and eventually overthrowing capitalism,” Meagan Day, Democratic Socialists of America

*1 Kings 12:3 ...whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: <sup>4</sup> “Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you.”*

*1 Kings 12:10 The young men who had grown up with him replied, “These people have said to you, ‘Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but make our yoke lighter.’ Now tell them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist. <sup>11</sup> My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.’”*

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## What is communism?

The Marxist utopian dictate: “**From each according to his ability and to each according to his need.**”

*1 Samuel 8:10-19 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you **will claim as his rights**: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. <sup>12</sup> Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. <sup>15</sup> He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. <sup>16</sup> Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. <sup>17</sup> He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. <sup>18</sup> When that day comes, **you will cry out or relief from the king you have chosen**, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”*

<sup>19</sup> **But the people refused to listen to Samuel.** “No!” they said. “We want a king over us.”

## What is capitalism?

*Prov. 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. <sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.*

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