

## **Ask the Dead**

There has been a brewing thought in my country. Could communism work? In the free world the answer is a resounding no! Yet, this current generation is asking the question. I laugh at them but should I be laughing? There were those in the early 1900's that didn't want the czar of Russia to rule anymore. The rich were ruling and the poor remained the poor. To be fair, some people adored the Czar. Yet, a small upstart party called themselves the peoples republic of Russia. They wanted to give the country back to the people. Down with the Czar and up with the poor. More or less, they bought the package. They say a revolution only brings in poverty and death. Reform? The few instances that we have on reforms like the French revolution, Germany's Nazi party, and Communist China and Russia have (to date) only brought poverty and death.

The crazy part is the rich and poor. A certain part of our population believes with all their heart that nobody should be rich. That poor people can run companies and employ people. They make what we make. There are at-least two types of poor people. Those who are born into a poor family or neighbourhood and those who are lazy. I suppose there are those unfortunate people who are injured as well. Not everyone chooses to be poor. Sometimes life chooses it for you.

The flip side are the rich. There are many who despise the rich. They call sports stars and movie stars the rich. Yet, many of them came from poor neighbourhoods. They get paid well for what they do but it did not start that way. Plus, these people have to work pretty hard to get paid well. I just don't think many realize that about 1% of those who choose sports or acting never make it to the bigtime. These rich elite had fate smile upon them. Then there is the born rich like the queen of England. The kids of Bill Gates. We are inundated with the Kardashians directly because they were born rich.

What does God have to say? Romans 12:3 says *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”* I know that God gives out gifts (talents) that we can use in the church. It says that God made each one of us specifically unique. Some people are gifted in daycare for the elderly and children. Others are built to score a touchdown. We all know someone who is entertaining. Throughout history we have paid for sex and entertainment. We don't pay as much for a spiritual advisor. Why? I think it's human nature to pay for gratification. We are willing. I think in Gods best plan that was not the way it was to be. In the Old Testament laws people were not supposed to gather, tax, and pay more than it's worth.

Yet, here we are. Leaders are the rich. They set the rules to stay rich too. Kingdoms fall all the time on earth. No leader or rich person is safe. Why? It's because someone will always desire what they have. They will pay to take it from you too. That is not Gods way. We are to share and give freely. We are to love and take care of the poor or hurting. So, could communism work? The big answer is no. Can you tell me what made humans desire stuff? Why are people willing to pay for desires? Also, can you tell me any time in history were communist leaders poor and equal with the common person?

The answer is still no. Human nature demands that someone leads. It demands the freedom to have what you desire. If you give a million dollars to a sports company. Should they give the profits to the poor? Why? Did they deserve it. Did they work for it? If Bill Gates makes a computer, should he give the profits to someone who is poor and invented nothing? It's a tricky slope. Is effort rewardable? Is being poor rewarding? In a perfect world God would have us share. He also warns against the sloth and unwarranted desires. Why? He knows human nature.

We should help those in need. We should not help those who think less, work less, and do less. There are reasons people are poor. There are reasons some people get rich. Those who want communism want to level the playing field. The smart gives their brain. The athlete and actor give us happiness for free. Should we all have free food, computers, and cars? Who has the right to say you can't work for more? Who has the right to give out only one car and one loaf of bread? Can you have ten for free? Communism could work if people were not people. No law will take that away. Communist leaders will always hold power, money, and your freedom. It's human to be that way. No, it won't work or should we ask all the dead from past revolutions if it could work?