

Working together

I suppose that ideology has been with us for a very long time. In the political world it takes the form of conservative, liberal, and social platforms. Yet, under each one of these ideologies is an idea or a set of ideals. Business drives economies. People are the main focus. Social welfare should be the main focus. By and large all of them have a good intent. Business puts people to work. Social platforms help the needy. Liberal ideas want equality and fairness. Each one of these ideals has some of the other in its platform. Yet, the hatred between ideals is killing countries all over the world.

I would not even call it horse blinders. Each ideology wants what it wants at all costs. I could say that they are driven to make this world a better place by doing things their way. Are they horse blind to other ways? You see, I think we are blind to our own blindness. I know people who will say that their political party is the best because it helps the poor. Yet, the track record has the highest poverty. Two things. The first is the numbers. These numbers say that more people are being helped. Yet, the numbers don't report that there are many poorer people that need help. The second thing is that any help is doing a good job in their eyes. Helping is all that matters. What about creating more poor people? It's the ultimate self-sustaining feel-good endorphin. I love helping so I create more people to help. Then I can report I'm helping more.

The conservative side is daunting too. Let's give the rich more room to work. Let them make business to put the poor to work. The rich get richer but the poor get richer too. However, the amount the rich obtain is staggering compared to the working poor. Does more jobs equal less poverty? Do less tax equal more public spending? In our world the poor and rich are at odds. I personally break it down to those who will and those who don't want to. The social agenda people want those "who won't" to receive some of the money the rich have so that they can be

rich too. It could work except for one small thing. Give a man a fish and he will be fed for a day. Train him to fish and you will feed him for life. In the political world it is not about the people. It's about looking good while implementing your ideology. Whether it works or not is not important. The right or left ideology is.

What does God have to say? Matthew 23 is daunting. Jesus is telling the leaders that they look to do all the right things. Yet, they are going the wrong way. It's all about looking good and pride. It's about being clean on the outside while the inside does not matter. God said he was concerned with the heart. From the very first offering to God there was ideology. Cain felt he offered enough. Able offered something heartfelt. God had an opinion on that. To offer something is a good deed. Yet, if you're offering your worse then the heart is not in it.

I have known churches to claim they give to the poor. That they supported the food bank. Yet, they gave so little that the food bank stopped asking for a donation from them. Who wants something that is not from the heart. The problem with ideology is intent. The mind says do it this way and it helps. The heart says do it this way because it looks right to others. The real trouble begins when we just believe it's right without any proof. More poor does not matter. The ideology does. More workers do not matter if the ideology puts people to work. Yet, longer hours, more bills, and declining health don't play into the ideology. The act of implementing does.

The sad part in all this is ideology. Each type has a great side to it. On the flip side they all have a dark agenda. It's to look right compared to the other. More people would say that's not true. My ideology works. The numbers? They are not important if I feel it's working, even if it isn't. I am no different. Like hell would I vote liberal. I'm squeamish about voting conservative

but I will find a way. My way (or ideology) is not working that well. Clearly the other way is not working well either. What is a poor/rich voter to do?

I don't like taxing hard workers and giving it to those who are not working. Far too often we claim they need help. The story is far from the truth. That ugly truth is that some people like the system. On the other hand, people give far too little. Too little time and money. We owe it to society to lift up the weakest link. Why? I don't know but when we don't help the poor, this world is less than it should be. Taxing us to death is making this world less than it could be too. Honestly, we need both: the rich and poor. Each one has a hand in driving the other.

I am sad because we need all the ideologies to work together. Let the business people lead business. Let the social people help the poor. Business should give some money to the social people. The social people should work hard for business. In the middle is the liberal. Let's work for fair wages based on work ethic rather than entitlement. Probably health care should be free. Yet, tax can help make this world a better place. Let's not stop anyone from becoming more than they dream. Let's help those who need a hand. The perfect utopia.

Human reality is a different story. My social agenda friends say the rich need to be poorer and the poor need to be richer. The conservatives say that a free market will decide. It's survival of the fittest. Where are we these days? Well, were not going to work together as a human race anytime soon that's evident.