



## 1. What are Socialism and Communism?

\_\_\_\_\_ : an economic and political system where the community (government), rather than individuals, owns and manages property and the means of production. Its core principle is that social ownership will lead to better distribution of wealth and a more egalitarian society, and it is typically characterized by state control – in direct opposition to Capitalism which is based on private ownership.

\_\_\_\_\_ : an economic and political system that seeks to establish a classless society by abolishing all private property ownership, where all property is communally (governmentally) owned, and where the state controls the means of production. Its practice in the 20th century produced single-party dictatorships that suppressed individual freedoms and repressed political opposition.

\_\_\_\_\_ : lands somewhere between social democracy and communism. Like communists, democratic socialists believe workers should control the bulk of the means of production and not be subjected to the will of the free market and capitalism. In contrast, they believe their vision of socialism must be achieved through democratic processes rather than revolution.

“The theory of the Communists may be summed up in a single sentence: the abolition of private property.” Karl Marx, *Communist Manifesto*

Marx said that socialism is the \_\_\_\_\_ phase of communist society.

“The goal of socialism is \_\_\_\_\_.” Vladimir Lenin

## 2. Does Scripture teach Socialism, Communism or Capitalism?

Make no mistake – Capitalism is not \_\_\_\_\_; it is simply the \_\_\_\_\_ economic/governmental alternative in a \_\_\_\_\_.

Both Scripture and history attest to the fact that government tends to always \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam 8:10–18)

- \_\_\_\_\_ owns everything

- God made man in His image and gave him \_\_\_\_\_ over creation
- Scripture teaches \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment: “You shall not \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ex 20:15)

(presupposes that people \_\_\_\_\_ something that can be stolen)

The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (Ex 20:17)

\_\_\_\_\_ parables and teachings:

- The parable of the \_\_\_\_\_
- The story of the \_\_\_\_\_
- The parable of a man, \_\_\_\_\_ vineyard, \_\_\_\_\_ employees, & \_\_\_\_\_ right to expect a fair day’s work for a fair day’s labor
- Joseph of Arimathea’s \_\_\_\_\_ of a new tomb

### **So, what should all of this mean to us?**

- We should now better understand the \_\_\_\_\_ about Socialism/Communism and why they \_\_\_\_\_.
- We should better understand the \_\_\_\_\_ on private property ownership.
- We should be motivated to \_\_\_\_\_ our form of government \_\_\_\_\_ biblical economics and governance.