

Progressivism, Wealth, and Private Property

Deut 8.10 "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. 11 Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, 12 lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

* What are we talking about and why?

* Everything God does regarding mankind and the earth is an expression of ...

* God involves us in his ...

* Another integral part of that process is ...

* In the Bible, it is not wealth itself that is evil, but ...

* In our text, God reminds his people that ...

* God, in moving his people from the wilderness to the land of Canaan, transitions his people from ...

* Maturity as a child of God includes ...

* Private wealth and private property are thus necessary to ...

* In a **top-down, planned** and managed society, people never ... Further it creates confusion all the way down to ... This reduces the people to ... and ...

* 1Kings 4.25: "And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon." How does this capture blessing, peace, and prosperity according to God's vision?

* Two attitudes that are encouraged and evoked are ...

* Personal charity to one in need encourages what attitudes in both the giver and the recipient?

* The Progressive vision has front and center ...

* Name two notions central to the Progressive vision:
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* What are two primary means by which Progressive redistributive goals are furthered?

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(2)

* What are some of the stark differences in the kind of liberty involved in a biblically ordered society and in the modern, Progressive society?