



The Trojan Horse

I. Introduction

Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved.

II. The Trojan Horse

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. - Colossians 2:8

Communism - Socialism - Statism
(equality, justice, fairness, compassion, poverty care)

Definitions:

Socialism

Communism

Statism

III. God's War on Poverty

First line of defense: Individual work, Exodus 20:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

Second line of defense: The Christian family, 1 Timothy 6:8

Third line of defense: The local church, Acts 4:34-35

Fourth line of defense: Other local churches, Acts 11 and Romans 15

The overflow of Christian generosity

IV. Essential Foundations

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A. God says that workers should personally profit from their work - James 5:4 and Romans 4:4

B. God gives freedom and dignity to people through the principle of private ownership - Exodus 20, Ephesians 4:28

C. God calls all charity to be done from a spirit of generosity not force or compulsion - 2 Corinthians 9:7

V. Illustrations and Conversations

A. Capitalism is greedy.

B. The rich man and the poor man.

C. Shipwrecked!

D. Buying shoes at Walmart - who profits?

E. The minimum wage

Freedom vs. Force?

Dignity vs. Control?

Opportunity vs. Poverty?

Charity vs. Compulsion?

Faith in God or faith in the state?

VI. Conclusion - Our true citizenship

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