



## QA: Should Christians Take Handouts Instead of a Job? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### QUESTION: Should Christians take handouts instead of a job?

**ANSWER:** "The theory of the Communists may be summed up on one sentence: **Abolition of private property.**" ("The Communist Manifesto," Karl Marx) **To depend on a handout instead of a job, makes one indebted to the "hander."** Since "the LORD Almighty" (**2 Corinthians 6:18**) means Creator God is in control of all "blessings," and that includes money and wealth, then let God give us Rules For Riches:

1. **THERE IS SILVER SLAVERY:** "The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender." (**Proverbs 22:7**) Slavery is not only because of skin or by chains, but by the idol of "silver:" "Their idols *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands." (**Psalms 115:4**) Making money becomes the idol of all who let it control their life. It is a totally unsatisfactory ambition, for

He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also *is* vanity. (**Ecclesiastes 5:10**)

### 2. EVERYONE NEEDS A WORK ETHIC:

He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer *is* a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame. (**Proverbs 10:4-5**)

Many others have echoed this thought: "All wealth is the product of labor" (John Locke); "Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction" (Anne Frank); "Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work" (Booker T. Washington).

### 3. A LABOR SHORTAGE BREEDS COVETOUSNESS:

The desire of the lazy *man* kills him, For his hands refuse to labor. He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare. (**Proverbs 21:25-26**)

The idle have time to resent what others have that they don't.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (**Colossians 3:5**)

Marxist Communism is organized "covetousness" and ungodly "idolatry." Whatever varying degrees of it are applied are contrary to the Law of God!

#### 4. **GUARANTEEING OTHERS' WASTEFUL SPENDING IS DOOMED:**

My son, if you become surety for your friend, *If* you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend. Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of *the hunter*, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler. (**Proverbs 6:1-5**)

Do whatever it takes to get released from your promise to secure other peoples' spending. Being willing to be taxed, or otherwise, to pay what people have spent without regard for your "surety," will only take you down into their drowning depths of debt!

He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, But one who hates being surety is secure. (**Proverbs 11:15**)

Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you? (**Proverbs 22:26-27**)

Paying others' debts can cost all the personal security one might have.

5. **STOLEN TREASURES MAKE STOLEN HEARTS**, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (**Matthew 6:21**) "By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words" (**2 Peter 2:3**).

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