

## A Stumbling Block

I understand modern economics teaches that people, you, me, and everyone else, are considered “The Economy.” That is we are: assets, commodities, and tools that can be bought, sold, and used for and by whatever man or group is bigger and stronger than we are. Seems to me that makes us all slaves.

What does that mean for the person or family who tries to be self-sufficient and independent? Well, from a simple blue-collar tradesman’s perspective is that when a tool is useless it gets thrown out (in the old days melted down and “reformed”). If an asset is determined to have little or no value, then it is broken up and sold off piece by piece, and if a commodity is of no profit it is sold off until it becomes profitable again. In other words, everyone is expendable at some point, and the elderly, the sick, and the handicapped are a burden to the whole mechanism.

What about the self-sufficient who is or tries to be independent of the economic machine? They are called enemies of the state, insurrectionists, criminals, insurgents, and terrorists. There is a whole host of other labels also like unpatriotic. Yet someone will say, “Ok, aren’t the people in charge also part of the economy paradigm?” Of course they are, everyone is expendable at some point.

Look at how many businessmen have been put out of business or jailed just in the past year or two. Consider the recent auto industry buyout by our own government. And what do we hear over and over about whose fault it is that the economy is so screwed up? Yet they try to word things in a way to make us think that it is about the flow of money and the transfer of wealth. I have two questions, if our paper currency represents no value because we have no gold or silver to back it up, what is wealth? And, who is really the wealthy in this country or the world?

If the definition of the economy is people, then it stands to reason that those who control the most people are the wealthiest of all. So it is not one single government or corporation, it would have to be all of them in concert to keep the people fooled into believing they can be wealthy through debt. Such is the reason for so many taxes and regulations that prohibit anyone from self-sufficiency and true independence. Yes, we are dependent upon one another and should try to bear one another’s burdens, but the problem with humanity is pride, which leads to greed. Someone is going to try to play the role of god and control everything they can.

What does all this mean for the Christian who is supposed to be kind and love one another AND their enemy? Well, the Christian is not supposed to be involved in idolatry, so they should not be buying into the system by using the comforts of the modern society. This where many (Christians included) will get angry and start using the word “Hypocrite.” Yes, we need a home, electricity, water, vehicle and the fuel for it, food, and clothing, etc., but we do not have to buy what the politicians and corporate masters tell us to buy. We do not have to buy cable TV or a HDTV.

Think about cable TV for a minute; people are buying programs that are already paid for by commercials. These companies are profiting by both the advertisers and the “consumers.” When Christians wake up and stop feeding the beast, when they stop trading trusting God Almighty for the sake of comfort, there will come a war for sure. This is at least a part of what happened to Rome; Christians stopped buying the idols from the idol makers.

Throughout history, the people of God have been the ones who have been oppressed. Even now, like Christ Jesus said, we are hated because of Him if we obey his commands and do righteousness. That is to love one another and bear one another’s burdens, trusting God and believing that He will destroy the wicked and those who oppress His people. Don’t be fooled by the niceties of this so called “new paradigm” team group collective garbage because when it comes down to it, Christians are in the cross hairs because the world believes that to have world peace the Gospel and everyone who believes it must be eliminated. Because Christ Jesus is a stumbling block, a rock of offense, his people will be oppressed if for no other reason but that they refuse to be slaves to anyone but the Lord of lords and the King of kings.