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Wisdom's House Briefmail: How did we become Socialist? 1/4

In the following four "Briefmails" I will connect the condition of our nation, and in many ways the church, with the wisdom of the age that is reflected in what we call socialism.

Having both received a degree in, and taught, history and political science, I find my work as a pastor always sprinkled with revelatory moments of how the condition of an individual is reflected in the condition of the nation, and also the church. The term "E pluribus unum" – "Out of many, one." is not just a saying for our National Seal or for the stone emblem over the chair of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It is actually a universal truth that can be simply applied to any group of human beings who have an underlying belief system. When many individuals believe the same, one entity is, by default, formed . . . whether for good or for evil.

I was watching a Little House on the Prairie rerun and received perspective from one of the lines spoken. The setting was a town meeting about a new tax, and Walnut Grove was up in arms! One man said, "You watch, if we let them tax us on this, pretty soon they will try to tax our income!" I pondered the day when even the thought of taxing ones income was preposterous. Lest we get distracted by taxes, let me turn your mind to where we are today, and how we got here.

To begin, it is vital that we not point fingers (Isaiah 58:9) and simply look in the mirror. How much do I expect others to do for me? I don't like it when others carry a mantle of entitlement, but in what ways do I?

Recently I was sharing the Message of Wisdom in Mexico and was interested to find out that those who are citizens of Mexico know that they could not get away with the sense of "being owed something" in their own country, which those who have come across the border demand in our country. How does that mentality 'come on' someone unless it is already woven into the fabric of the people of the nation they have entered? These Briefmails are not to point a finger, but to look in the mirror. What have we become, America?

To be continued.

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