

President John F. Kennedy famously said, *“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democrat answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”*

At the extremes, both Democrat and Republican are correct about the other.

At the extremes, Democrats are out of balance with Hearts that won't Think, and Republicans as Thinkers without Hearts.

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Psalms 112:9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

Proverbs 28:27 Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.

Deuteronomy 15:10 Be sure to give to them without any hesitation.

Proverbs 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him some food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him some water to drink.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 If there should be a poor man among your relatives in one of the cities of the land that the Lord your God is about to give you, don't be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your poor relative. Instead, be sure to open your hand to him and lend him enough to lessen his need.

REPUBLICANS – CONSERVATIVES

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2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

Proverbs 18:9 - Whoever is lazy regarding his work is also a brother to the master of destruction.

Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

Ephesians 4:27-28 and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Proverbs 12:11 - The one who works his field will have plenty of food, but whoever chases daydreams lacks wisdom.

Proverbs 10:4 - Idle hands bring poverty, but hard-working hands lead to wealth.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 Because of laziness the roof caves in, and because of idle hands the house leaks.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12- aspire to lead a quiet life, to attend to your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you. In this way you will live a decent life before outsiders and not be in need.

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1 Timothy 5:8-9 But if someone does not provide for his own, especially his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. No widow should be put on the list unless she is at least sixty years old, was the wife of one husband.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”

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But Wisdom may be found by those seeking balance situationally:

⇒ *We must give gracious and undying support to those who are unable to care for themselves.*

⇒ *We must not enable the Foolish or lazy person who can work but will not to continue to prey upon the sympathies of others for their income.*

Is God a Democrat or a Republican? Neither! Both! Where is the Wisdom?!!! What is the situation? ***What is our current government's trend?*** Are we headed too far Left? Too far Right? What is in the best interest of the people of the future?!!! What is in the best interest of the people of today?!!!

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