



## Do the Poor Have a "RIGHT" to Free Health Care?

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**Proverbs 31:4-5** says: "It is not for kings, O Lemuel— not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights."

We have rights. And this passage clearly teaches that it's the government job to protect those rights. King Lemuel was taught not to drink because he may forget the Law and thus the people would be oppressed and deprived of their rights.

God, not governments, gives rights. Rights are what individuals, groups, and government CANNOT do to you. Rights are not what individuals, groups, or governments do FOR you. Government is instituted to protect your rights: to keep individuals, groups, and government itself from taking your rights away.

**EXAMPLE:** You have the right to life. Government doesn't give life, God does. But governments are to use laws to keep others from taking your life and punish them if they do. You have the right to worship God. The government doesn't give that, God does. But the government is to protect individuals, groups, and itself from hindering that right.

Likewise, you have a right to own your property. Government shouldn't give property. God does that. Government should use law to keep individuals, groups, and itself from taking your property because you have the right to keep it and use it as you see fit.

A right is not something government gives you but something God-given that government's are to protect so that others will not violate those rights. Thus to have a right and freely exercise that right will never violate the

rights of others. A right is "what others can't do to you." NOT "what others must do FOR you."

If by doing something we violate another person's rights, we have no right to do it. A right never inhibits another man's rights but protects every man's rights.

If I take money from one man to give to another, I have violated the first man's rights. The second man has no right to take from another for it violates the first man's rights to keep what he owns.

When I exercise my right to life it takes no other man's life. When I exercise my right to speech it takes no other man's speech away.

When I exercise my right to keep and carry a firearm for protection it does not take away another mans right to keep and carry a firearm for his protection.

When I exercise my right to be free it does not make another man a slave.

When I exercise my right to worship, it does not take away another mans right to worship as he sees fit.

But when I exercise the supposed "right" to receive free healthcare, I take away another's right to keep his property. I forced him to pay for my healthcare and disallowed him to keep the kind of healthcare he wants it forces me into government controlled plans that favors him and not me.

Therefore, government healthcare is NOT a right but rather a violation of others rights.

Rights are what others cannot take from us not what they give to us. And I encourage you when you vote next time, vote for leaders who will not, "forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights."