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Food Stamp Usage Jumps 70 Percent; Highest It's Ever Been - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/4/24 12:41

The number of people using Food Stamps has jumped 70 percent in the last four years, the Congressional Budget Office reported. In 2011 alone, 45 million people received government assistance.

Food Stamp usage is expected to increase until 2014, said the CBO, because by 2014 the economy is expected to turn around and improve. As it stands, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) spent \$72 billion last year, which is a \$30 billion increase from 2007.

Those numbers are incredibly high and reflect the poor economy, the CBO stated in a new report. ...

read more: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/food-stamps-70-percent-increase-highest-its-ever-been-73723/>

Re: Food Stamp Usage Jumps 70 Percent; Highest It's Ever Been , on: 2012/4/24 15:12

Not wanting to go off topic, but someone asked about the monetary system in Canada but I can't find that thread where that was asked.

I read that they're getting rid of their 'penny' and if one does a search on the "MintChip Canada" they'd find some info. There's a youtube video about it entitled, "MintChipChallenge".

On topic of this thread - this mess started in 2007 and the lid blew off in 2008 - when it affected me in a personal way, when my 90 yr old father that had worked up to 16 hrs a day, most of his life and with his aging yrs in mind, so that he "would never be a burden to his kids" - lost 60% of his retirement and was forced to move from his Total Living Center - that he bought into because it provided him with an independent apartment but would provide every level of care that he'd needed down the road.

It happened right around his Birthday and the man that was always strong as nails, looked so gutted at his Birthday party, but only I knew at the time that he'd been hit so hard financially. And I had to try to hide the fact that I was down-right enraged and depressed for him at the same time.

Since then, we all have watched hard working people lose their homes and I'm reading a book now on Homelessness of those that never wanted to be.

There are illegal aliens and lazy, system abusers getting food stamps and then there's those who have been taken under by the lack of jobs since 2007-8. The welfare state was in the plan from the get-go - but an article that I read yesterday stated that the \$\$\$ is going to run out.

Have you ever done a search on the term "useless eaters"?

The EBT card, that is used like a debit card for food-stamps, besides financial assistance, is issued by J.P. Morgan. That's a name that's worth a search as well - if you also type in WWII.

Welcome to the nwo. That means that He's Coming back in our generation and we should be honored to be considered worthy to live in a time such as this. We're a Strong bunch, Daniel & John wrote and we shouldn't forget that. The meek inherit the earth, in the end.

GOD Bless!!

Re: - posted by elias7291 (), on: 2012/4/24 15:18

This is definitely a SIGN of the end things to come. Everything is being set up for the coming of the anti-christ.

This is the time when the church needs to awake and have a heart for the lost.

Lord helps us!

Re: - posted by consecrateme, on: 2012/4/24 15:32

Illegal aliens do not receive snap benefits, just wanted to let you know, I was a caseworker.

Re: , on: 2012/4/24 15:36

How long ago, and in what State and then, what County?

Re: - posted by consecrateme, on: 2012/4/24 15:53

In Texas, a year ago but am still in the eligibility field so I am updated with any changes, and the guidelines have not changed.

Re: Food Stamp Usage Jumps 70 Percent; Highest It's Ever Been , on: 2012/4/24 16:04

I'm not trying to be a wise-guy, and I never was interested at all in Economics until it hit my Dad - though he's not on any State aid except SS - but this is from approx the same month that he was gutted, in 2008, in just one county, in one state in this country, \$432 million a year went to illegal aliens in the form of food stamps and welfare benefits. This is just welfare and foodstamps for that county, not education, healthcare, etc.. Statistics from the Department of Public Social Services reveal that illegal aliens and their families in Los Angeles County collected nearly \$37 million in welfare and food stamp allocations, announced Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. In August 2008, illegals collected over \$19 million in welfare assistance and over \$17 million in monthly food stamp allocations, for a projected annual cost of \$432 million. Nearly twenty five percent of all welfare and food stamps benefits is going directly to the children of illegal aliens.

“Illegal immigration continues to have a devastating impact on Los Angeles County taxpayers,” said Antonovich. “Annually, the cost of illegal immigration to Los Angeles County taxpayers exceeds one billion dollars, which includes \$220 million for public safety, \$400 million for healthcare, and \$432 million in welfare allocations. This does not include millions of dollars for education.”

Re: - posted by consecrateme, on: 2012/4/24 16:08

I'll just pm you...

Re: - posted by consecrateme, on: 2012/4/24 16:23

I'm sorry haven't been on here for a while, I forgot how to pm someone. But the 1996 welfare reform, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act addresses this issue.

Re: , on: 2012/4/24 22:54

Hi CM. As you can see from the previous post that the situation in L.A. is just one example dated from 2008. Food stamps are available to the children born here of illegal alien parents. Do I want them to starve? No. But if the system is being drained, which it is, it's factoring in for those that are citizens that have contributed taxes before their need came about and not just in California.

SNAP - "In 2008, the participation rate for non-citizens was 51% and the rate for citizen children living with non-citizen adults was 55% -"

http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/government/pdf/Non-Citizen_Guidance_063011.pdf

<http://www.examiner.com/article/the-children-of-illegal-aliens-anchor-babies-have-bankrupted-the-state-of-california>

GOD Bless!

Re: Food Stamp Usage Jumps 70 Percent; Highest It's Ever Been - posted by Trekker, on: 2012/4/25 4:15

I don't understand what this has to do with Christ or Christianity.

Re: - posted by consecrateme, on: 2012/4/25 9:10

I am very sorry your dad had to go through financial difficulties after working so hard; I can understand how depressing this can be. The system is being drained due a lot of different factors, to say that it's because of the illegal aliens, is not fair. Unemployment and overspending are part of the issue. When I was a caseworker I was able to see how people used and abused the system, I had enough of it and decided to move to Child Protective Services instead. Now my question is, why are we taking "the examiner's" article as face value and just blame the immigrants?

I just do not agree with blaming the immigrants, I speak from experience I saw a lot of U.S citizens (not born from illegal aliens) using and abusing the system, some of these people are from generations who have been in the system for years.

Well, I think this is it for me. Like I said I do not agree on blaming the illegal aliens. Lets consider the other factors as well, take care...

I apologize that this conversation has not been edifying or is about Christ, but I wanted to share my thoughts on this issue.

Thanks,

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/4/25 9:32

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, THAT IF ANY WOULD NOT WORK, NEITHER SHOULD HE EAT.

This has everything to do with Jesus Christ.

ps - the number of christians who go on welfare, use unemployment, are not men and dont work whatever it takes to provide for their families and have enough to give others in true need is pathetic.

We trust in God to supply our needs, not lean on the government for handouts. This is to our shame.

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 9:45

seems to me that folks can point to various prophecies from Isaiah as to the Coming Messiah, the Suffering Servants, but they never really reference Isaiah 58.

for years now, a great many HERE in America, who have been shown Mercy and Grace in Jesus Christ will move heaven and earth to train up missionaries, anglos, to head south, into Mexico, Central America, etc....bless God for any laborer, for down there, the people have been trapped with romanism.

but as the Lord led me, i always thought it was Jesus bringing the mission field UP HERE, yet for years, there was bleating and scorn cast upon latino's seeking a better life, working HARD for wages no white boy.

Now, for the first time, they are going BACK, because economic conditions are so bad, and i ask, how many latino's that were here, were showed how to get out of rome, and realize that Salvation is thru Grace?

instead we get men like Joe Arpaio, gleefully showing off his "tent jail" complex

and now 47 million plus of our fellow citizens needs GOVT assistance, just to eat, while nobody says one word about the FACT we alone spend more on weaponry, than all the nations of the world combined.

is it just me?....or are things upside down?

ricky yearle, on: 2012/4/25 9:47

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Re: Food Stamp Usage Jumps 70 Percent; Highest It's Ever Been - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/4/25 10:13

I will apologize straight up now because IÂ'm going to play the LordÂ's advocate here but I find it hard to believe that the Lord looks at America and what our laws are and then blesses accordingly, He blesses according to obedience to His Scripture. And brothers and sisters in Christ, we are not supposed to take sides to oppress the strangers and their children.

JiG, you are excellent with researching around the Internet... do we know when we (this supposed Christian nation) started creating laws to oppress the illegal aliens (strangers) and when America truly started going downhill?

With GodÂ's resources, there is always enough to support everyone but when we start being stingy with what we think is Â"ourÂ" resources suddenly there isnÂ't enough to go around and we start seeing our families suffer and then it hits home. It definitely happens on the micro level AND I believe we have been seeing finally on the macro level.

I think itÂ's something for each one of us who names the name of Christ to think and pray about.

God bless us all to be more giving,
Lisa

edit: (removed a couple of parenthesis for clearer understanding).

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/25 10:20

I remember reading or hearing, if America's churches, throughout the whole spectrum of Christianity took on themselves to care for 1 (one) homeless person, and maybe someone in that church helped one unemployed get work or some kind of paid job, America would not have one single homeless person or unemployed.

Now some churches do much more... but it's interesting none the less, for so many Christians and churches will hear "I was naked, I was hungry...." when they stand before God, I know some interpret that to apply Christians only, I am not sure.... Jesus helped people outside of the Jewish people so I think we should follow that example as individuals and as churches.

Paul's words do apply but if we did let a homeless man into our church, clothed him and gave him a work, put roof over his head and he refused to work and just took advantage of the hospitality I see Paul's verse could be applied in such a case.

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/4/25 11:05

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Exodus 23:9

It seems when hard times hit, people who have put their trust in earthly savings and insurances, need someone to blame. Predictably they then turn to point the finger at 'illegal aliens' or another favourite; single mothers. It truly is wrong to scapegoat the most vulnerable people in society. They are an easy target aren't they.

It's time to face facts and accept America is under judgement for it's sins. It is reaping what it has sown.

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/4/25 11:26

Well I know many on SI don't like and wouldn't be a part of a denomination but let me just say that the Pentecostal denomination that I am affiliated with has reach out to Hispanics over the last several years and has help start close to one hundred local churches reaching out to our Hispanic brother and sisters. Jesus died for all the lost people and we don't have to just go to foreign countries to preach the gospel, for open your eyes, the world is coming to your door steps if you live in the USA and the opportunities for evangelism are endless.

Blessings...from brother rbanks

Re: - posted by Onesetfree (), on: 2012/4/25 13:01

"someday ricky, those words you just typed in the darkness of your heart will be ALL you have to eat...repent while you still have time."

Are you a prophet to speak this over someone?

Another reason why I rather not visit this site...filled with so much attack and arguments....post after post filled with people spending hours arguing or throwing out judgments like the above.....Sermonindex.net Promoting Christ-Centered Revival?? There is no way this site promotes Revival with the direction it is going.....

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 13:31

Quote:
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Wow... this is a hurtful statement. It's beyond judgemental.

You do realize that unemployment is "insurance" that you pay into, right? It's not a hand out. I drew 3 unemployment checks this year. We're not on welfare, but we have had to use food stamps part of the year this year. We have 4 kids. And I have been "under-employed" now for a year... and working my butt off for half what I used to make... and my wife started an online business so we could survive and works her butt until almost 3:30am every night.

You think I enjoy that? I dont! You think I'm lazy? Ha... I work twice as hard for half the pay now. That's life in western North Carolina these days for most people.

Without health insurance anymore I have to pay out of pocket for my meds. Ricky Earl... take a guess what my insulin cost EACH MONTH. \$1,700. Guess who has had to go to charities for help to pay for it so I can LIVE? Me.

I suppose your answer to that would be stop taking insulin and just trust the Lord to heal me, right?

You really dont want to go there with me, Ricky Bobby... or whatever your name is. That was just a totally ignorant and stupid thing to say. You would do well to keep your thoughts to yourself.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 17:45

Trekker, Brother Greg started this thread and you're judging him when some of the threads that you and others have started could be just as well questioned.

Conscrateme - people read what they want to into our replies and that's what you've obviously done and it appears that what you picked from my reply and what I had to post as replies to you made a few others head in that direction as well - claiming that illegal immigrants is my biggest beef. I've posted more on these forums about the economy and on another political thread yesterday as well.

The only problem is people that see/read what they WANT to read into our posts for their own reasons.

The Christians should have been feeding and caring for people all along and starting Volunteer Help groups, etc. and the churches that I know DO - but they also have the BRAINS to know that there are many that abuse the system and rob the truly needy. Women that get pregnant in order to get the benefits and that has gone on since these "entitlements" first began. Their boyfriends/the fathers of these children, show up the day the money, etc comes in. Meanwhile - Thanks to The Big International Bankers that are breaking the backs of the Seniors that made this country as prosperous as it was, these that paid their way all of their lives, are now worrying that they may be euthanized or won't be able to or can't pay for their prescriptions and I can go on all day about 'who' is responsible for the mess we're in, but goodness gracious - I just happened to briefly mention those that are here illegally.

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Re: , on: 2012/4/25 18:14

Yes Lisa, I do research and read this article on the News Forum yesterday ...

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/for-first-time-since-depression-more-mexicans-leave-us-than-enter/2012/04/23/gIQApyiDdT_story.html

If you want me to extend my original post - as it appears the bulk of it wasn't absorbed or read - I will tell you again, that all that is happening to US is "by design" to turn us into a welfare state so that the people will become dependent on a Socialist-Fascist Government called the nwo and the EBT card from J.C. Morgan, a family name that was known to Hitler .

Who goes to these Economic Summits in Davos, besides Rick Warren and Brian McLaren? All the big names in the Corporate world like, Bill Gates and other big Corporation heads, besides some of our own country's leaders. Yes, talk about Babylon - some of the Brothers here have got that right. Does anyone else here do any research? As I said, I could go on all day about what's happening to US and Canada and every other country on this planet and 'who's' causing it and WHY and tried in my first post to just lay out a tiny bit of it, but the main part was neglected by a few to focus on my mention of illegal aliens, which is also by design to break the back of the good ol' usa but very far from the main source of what is destroying this country.

I'm all for immigrants. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for my immigrant Grandparents, but my Grandmother warned me prophetically what would become of this country, since she was a Russian Jew that had to flee from Russia and I'm watching what she said come true and here we are in our last however many days of freedom to post, tearing the stuffings out of one another.

About helping or feeding the needy and elderly - it only takes ONE person to start a Volunteer Help Org in their OWN TOWN and I could tell anyone that wants to know how, how to, as I did.

I want to say Shalom - but I just don't see it coming.

GOD Bless!

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 19:07

notlongnow said it best:

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Re: , on: 2012/4/25 19:13

onesetfree said:

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Jim:

An equally valid question is if you are a prophet to question brother Neil in such a snark attitude?

"And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 20:44

Someone like Krispy is deserving of his unemployment and food stamps and there are very many in his same predicament, which started mainly in 07/08 but also, as I mentioned in that thread on the election, there are a multitude of reasons why we have such a very high rate of unemployment and the numbers that you hear from the MSM are not the true numbers, but only those who are on or have just applied for unemployment - it doesn't count those who's unemployment has run out, nor those young kids that haven't been able to find work since graduating HS or College and haven't earned into the system yet, etc..

The book that I'm reading now on "homelessness" is more heartbreaking than I can describe here - but it doesn't bother folks until it happens to them, normally.

Now I have a question -

Quote:

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Could any of the 5 moderators tell us who the prophet are on SI? I'm certain I'm not the only one that's curious about this.

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 20:54

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Act 11:27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).

BTW - 'office' is so KJV

In Christ -Jim

Re: , on: 2012/4/25 21:02

Also

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That was in direct reference to what someone said asking if neil was a prophet (with the implication he was not). I was showing that their asking that was just as open to scrutiny as neils statement. Just as someone can teach even if that is not their main gifting, someone can surely prophesy like David Wilkerson without it being their main calling.

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/4/26 0:58

The words I used were not flippantly spoken, let me just say that.

I am not going to say anything else. I do not want to embarrass anybody or hurt anyone.

i know they weren't "flippantly" spoken, on: 2012/4/26 2:55

thats why you will eat them. It was the outpouring of your heart.

"pathetic"?

that brother, that sister, over there?...broken, hurting, scared?...."pathetic"?

that's YOUR heart speaking, not the Heart of Jesus, read what Messiah had to say in Isaiah 58, and please tell me where the word "pathetic" is used in the dark context you did?

But please, dont think i'm singling YOU out, oh no, many many will eat rash words who have despised their own flesh, will indeed be eating human flesh, thats how bad it will get...the words you wrote are but a snapshot of the truth that many hearts have grown cold, and worse.

so speak! Grace be upon you, you repent...but speak, you wont embarrass me, or hurt me, maybe yourself, but you wont hurt the Lord, all you'll do is provide illustration of the separation of the goats and sheep.

Re: i know they weren't "flippantly" spoken - posted by enid, on: 2012/4/26 3:14

This has to be one of the most worthless threads ever.

From what I have read, that is.

I guess it won't be long before it's locked, because it helps no one.

God help us.

Re: , on: 2012/4/26 3:27

Neil, the man Ricky said in his post, that we shouldn't be trusting the government to take care of us and you, speaking of a future tense famine and using Isaiah 58 is not GOD using the government to feed us, future tense.

The sheep are THE CHURCH that should be caring for the needy and not the government and that is what I got out of Ricky's post and also that there are men that do not want to work, which is true - yet you've condemned him and caused others to go along with you in that condemnation because he said to "trust GOD" for our daily bread and work if you're able.

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I believe every thread brings out what needs to be seen, just as Paul said that divisions were necessary for a specific reason.

Re: , on: 2012/4/26 9:25

I don't think I have ever said this before... but... this thread needs to be closed, and there are a couple people who need rebuking.

I don't get offended by much, but I have truly found some of the statements made on this thread to be very offensive... and needless... and certainly not fruitful.

And stupid.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2012/4/26 10:20

Let me tell you this for sure: I don't know the condition of "your church" & it's "senior pastor", etc., so I can't speak about them, nor would I try to assume anything at all. This I can say with certainty, that God has raised up prophets in this generation to call the "church/es" to repentance, and though there have possibly been a few examples of where this was received, heeded, & revival/reformation/restoration/repentance occurred, I can tell you what has happened in many instances:

The long standing pastor (Caiaphas) in that place of "his" domain, with his "years of ministry experience", his "know-how" to "do ministry" & his "spiritual lineage" (my father was a pastor, and his father, etc. - kinda like 'we have Abraham as our father') has not heeded the prophetic voice from the Lord in our day.

See, the prophetic voice is ALWAYS (search prophets/prophetic/prophesy from Genesis to Revelation) sent out by God as an act of mercy to awaken. It is always sent to cry out from the secret place of the Most High to "return to the Lord in Spirit & Truth" as a last call before the final option in God's process of waking up the people who are called by His name - judgement!

So, even though prophets are called/sent by God as an act of His mercy, they are typically not received, rejected, ridiculed, belittled, minimized, ignored, made fun of, and/or eventually "be-headed" (spiritually if not physically). So, in the last few years, there have been many "John the Baptists" in Caiaphas' office getting "counseled" and told how it really works in the system, "just love them" and don't be so excited, you'll mature out of it, everyone went through this phase of over excitement - don't worry, your fire will cool off like the rest of us to a nice lukewarm temp that's palatable, we can't offend the tithers, etc., etc., etc.

I am not speaking condemningly, nor negatively, nor assumptively. I know that which I speak of. This has not happened to one or two but MANY! I know a handful from across the US personally. So, either pastors do recognize them as they are and quickly look to subvert and offset their ministry before anything radical happens as a result, or they don't discern rightly their calling at all and totally reject them. For the most part, they are "protecting their little flock" from the big bad, man sent with a word from God meant to warn/exhort/tear down/call to repentance so REAL healing/growth/restoration/victory/Life can occur.

Don't anyone argue with me, please, and tell me how great "Your" pastor is- If they are a true Shepherd not just building their own kingdom fleecing the sheep and keeping the American Ministry System rolling along, Praise The Lord!!! Tell everyone where your church is so others locally can go and experience the same freedom, grace, and care that you do. What I'm saying is that this has been the "norm" in dozens and dozens (I dare say hundreds, if not thousands) of church

es in America for the past several years. A prophet is a different breed. Just as a true evangelist is. Just as a true teacher, etc. are there "false prophets"? You bet. Lots of them!! That doesn't negate the true ones! The enemy does those things just for that reason, to discredit the genuine, so the masses will "throw out the Baby with the Bath Water". Sstan knows how important the Prophetic ministry is to the Body, so he fights against it with all the forces of hell.

The true prophetic voice has been used to warn to reform/repent/revive, but for the most part has not been heeded in America. The prophetic voice is now warning of judgement at the door. That too is either totally ignored or minimized in its scope/importance. In the days ahead, it will be clearly seen by all that God sent prophets to warn as an act of mercy to prepare for unspeakable atrocity ahead. But still, just as Revelation tells us "they still would not repent" for the most part. A prophet's job is not "success", "compliance rates", "making everyone happy" (nor making everyone mad for no reason either), but to be faithful, hear the heart of God, see with God's eyes, be broken for what breaks the heart of God, and be faithful in proclaiming it to the masses come revival, revolution, or execution!

Re: , on: 2012/4/26 10:35

Be careful with "words from the Lord" that tend to generalize and paint with a broad brush.

Krispy

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/4/26 13:33

Hez Willing, Krispy and whoever else has issues with me: you can email me at ricky@rushpost.com or just call directly at 403-305-6915

I stand behind what I said, and truth be told you don't know "the half of the half" of why I say what I say. I can be reached at the above, and it would be great to hear from you.

Ricky

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/4/26 13:37

AMEN! Jesus-is-God and thank you for seeing what my heart and what I said,

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Re: , on: 2012/4/26 15:08

Well, praying for peace around here, so may not be posting again for a while. I've come close last night to making a lengthy post of all the members and moderators that I have been tremendously blessed by since I've been cruising around here since 2005, but had the feeling that they wouldn't want to be put in the limelight in that fashion.

Brothers and Sisters, I am on food stamps, so I've truly risk 'that' by my exposing the system from whence they are derived from, but allow me to explain why I'm on them and some of my other related feelings.

I'm disabled by a disease that has been admitted is from Plum Island, right off the coast of where I lived in Connecticut for 20 yrs. I wasn't diagnosed right away and the damage being done wasn't recognised for years enough to cause any Dr to run the test. When finally diagnosed yrs after, I was only given the 30 days of doxycycline but 5 yrs later, still suffering the symptoms and still testing positive, was given another useless 30 days of the same. Then 4 yrs on, I was re-infected with another/different strain of Lyme and finally in 2002, some vector born bug bit me and that was the end of everything that I held dear... being able to work in the Nursing Home or anywhere else for that matter.

Yesterday, after posting the source of the EBT system, I told the LORD, if it appears that I'm "biting the hand that feeds me", I care not, because that same hand has disabled me and countless others and I know that my GOD can supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory - as he did for the first 8 yrs that I was disabled and didn't have FS.

I am not majoring on illegals and as I've said repeatedly, it's far from the only cause of the lack of jobs and breaking of the budgets of certain Counties, but think about that word, "illegal".

Would you enter a country illegally? Are you as a Christian telling others that doing so is the right thing to do ... Breaking the law? I've heard from folks about Miami, Calif, N.C., NY and others that are in Law Enforcement and the story about the incidents that they go through is unbelievably heart-breaking. Countless stories that have been shared with me from Police and Border Patrol.

But once again, for the ? time, that is not and was not the focus of my original post to this thread and not the #1 or even #3 chief problem in this country and why the system is being used and possibly drained - "by design".

I felt to add that the same digital system will be used for the mark and I'm well aware of that - but don't worry - I won't take it. ;)

GOD Bless and Peace wherein it is possible. Take Care!

Re: , on: 2012/4/26 16:48

I will agree with Ricky Bobby that the church needs to do more to help people who are struggling right now. That is certainly a problem. But at the same time I know many many churches that are doing a LOT to help people.

However, we can not go about making blanket statements about the church, or about people who are struggling. The sad thing is that I'm sure that I have muttered foolish things like what have been said on this thread. And now here I am... struggling.

I know plenty of people who take advantage of and defraud the welfare and EBT system. No doubt that happens all the time. Those people are lazy and don't want to work. We get that.

But right now... things are different. People are struggling who have never had to use an EBT card before. I admit, I'm embarrassed when I use it. I go thru the self check out lines at the store if they are available so that I don't have to show it to the cashier. There are VERY few people who know we are using an EBT card. As a man it's very hard for me to know that I can't provide enough for my family. I have no ego left, trust me.

Making blanket statements about people in need is haughty. Not only that but it's foolish because you are talking about millions and millions of people... and how many of them do you know? It certainly does not show the heart of Christ.

I have a new found appreciation for those who are hurting financially now that I am going thru it. Do I feel much sympathy for someone who is lazy and is milking the system? No... not at all. But these days there is a greater number of people who are in dire straights not by their own choosing. It just happened to them.

So Ricky Bobby... stand by your statement if you wish. What you said DOES apply to some, but certainly not all, and I still fail to see where you made any attempt at all to distinguish between the two.

May YOU not experience what I have experienced over the past 3 years, my friend. But if you ever do I will come along side you and encourage you and help you anyway I can.

Krispy

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/4/26 19:49

Krispy, who is this Ricky Bobby you speak of?

As I said, "if you only knew the half of the half"...then you would not even be able to do your last words above, because I have probably experienced already what you said you hope I don't.

Re: , on: 2012/4/27 6:55

Oh, I thought your name was Ricky Bobby... I see it's Earle. So sorry.

Anyway, instead of being vague and speaking in generalities why don't you share your experience with the rest of us instead of alluding to it... or saying "you don't know the half of the half". What does that mean? Then maybe some of us might gain a little understanding and clarity into what you are trying to say. Right now it's getting lost and you are coming off as haughty, pompous and uncaring. You may not see it that way, but if the rest of us had a little context for what's coming out of your mouth (keyboard) it may help us to understand you better.

By the way, it's extremely foolish to post your phone number and other things like that on a public forum. I would caution you about that.

Krispy

to Ricky and all the brethren, on: 2012/4/27 9:27

I beg forgiveness if my words SEEMED to "condemn" ANY person to be separated from God.....God blot me out this second, if I ever speak such wickedness...my prayer, unceasing is that NONE may perish...NONE!

I was just grieved to the core of my spirit and soul reading the word "pathetic" at the end of Ricky's first post. It was ill spoke, hard hearted and when I say, somebody will "eat" those words, I don't have to go through a dozen semantical gyrations to explain what I mean.

Just in this nation, I'm not speaking globally...just here, in America, a vast number of people are being swept into an abyss they can't understand....I hear PERSONALLY of this everyday, and it rips the heart out of me, as I only WISH I had the resources to make the 2 circles of folks OUT from immediate family, I know and love, whole in resources, food and shelter.

That's where MY heart is, but something much larger is going on here, we've all had it so good, so long...even those of us, who have "little" in the standards of America, compared to the vast numbers of people in the world...a beggar in Calcutta, families making their daily bread, living at the edge of a garbage dump in Manila, etc etc.

As the Lord leads, something larger is going on, the golden calf of this "prosperity" we've been gifted with, and a GREAT many worship on, I believe this "calf" is being smashed....it has to be, because there is NO LIE in God, and we have stacked our sins to the Heavens, such sins I don't have to list, one only has to read of the Prophets to divine that dark list, we as a nation have done them all...

I just want to post something...of the world, it's a recent NON main stream media financial analysis of the what's wrong with "Social Security"....and you can lens it through where the Holy Spirit leads.

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/guest-post-social-security-has-real-problem>

The only thing we can do is pray, God have mercy on us...stand in the gap...even a reconsideration of the Word that came to Jeremiah, would be helpful....to delve deep into the ministry God gave to Jeremiah, could greatly assist our prayer life in this next second, minute, day.

God bless you all, neil

Re: to Ricky and all the brethern - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/4/27 9:38

Little more here and I will have a nice "Short Drama" book, hey Drama sells, any title suggestions? :)

Re: , on: 2012/4/27 9:40

Quote:

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sure..."Flee Babylon"...hows that?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/4/27 9:46

Thanks Neil! if it's takes off, which it should, it's Drama, I will figure you in a nice Title percentage.

Re: , on: 2012/4/27 9:51

Quote:

-----Thanks Neil! if it's takes off, which it should, it's Drama, I will figure you in a nice Title percentage.

appreciate the sentiment, but your silver and gold i do not want, only your love.....and i mean when i say in the LORD:

flee babylon.

all joking aside, flee babylon.

doesnt mean you have to leave America, just flee babylon.

Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/5/1 11:24

Krispy,

I care alot. That's why I put my contact info. We can talk privately, but I am not going to tell SI my life story of the last 5 yrs and my trials.

Regardless, we have a heavenly Father who asks us to cast our burdens on him because he cares so greatly for us. I a m still here, living, because of that love of Christ.

I just wanted to say those final words.

God bless all