



Progressivism the Demand for Change

Proverbs 24:13-22

Warning against those given to change

Proverbs 24:21-22 My son, fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those given to change; ²² For their
calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin those
two can bring?

— Given to change: change for the sake of change

“Progressivism”

Merriam Webster: “making use or interested in new ideas, findings, or opportunities”; support for or advocacy of social change; principles, beliefs, or practices or political and economic doctrines advocated by progressives

- Root: progress (suggests change)
- Progressivism in politics
- Progressivism in religion



The Need for Progress

1 Timothy 4:15 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁵ Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

- Progress of the gospel Phil 1:12, 24-25
- Progress in knowledge/grace 1 Tim 4:13-16 2Pet 3:18
- Progress in example/love to others Luke 2:51-52 1 Tim 4:12
- Progress in spiritual maturity 1 Thess 4:1,9 2 Pet 1:5-8

Not all progress is good

2 Timothy 3:12-13 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- Not progress in sin 2 Tim 3:13 Rom 6:1-2 1 John 2:1
- Not progress beyond scripture 2 Tim 1:13 2 John 9
- Not expand fellowship beyond God Eph 4:3 1 Cor 5:11

The Danger of Progressivism

2 Timothy 3:8-9 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

- Thinking we are more enlightened than NT Jude 3
- That our experiences are equal/greater than scripture 2 Tim 1:13
- Reinterpreting scripture to fit modern culture Rom 12:2
- Accepting everyone in sin/error 1 Cor 5:1-2 2 Thess 1:8



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