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Waak teen gewoond raak aan korrupsie

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het kennis geneem van die stelling van mnr. Martin Weltz, redakteur van Noseweek, dat Suid-Afrikaners heeltemal te verdraagsaam teenoor korrupsie geword het.” Ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP sê in reaksie: “Korrupsie word deur die Wêreldbank as die diefstal van ‘n land se toekoms beskryf. Korrupsie teer soos aasvoëls op ‘n land en veral die armes trek aan die kortste ent. Dit is ononderhandelbaar dat die publiek, met die hulp van die media, dit onhoudbaar maak vir korrupsie om asem te kan skep.

“Die jongste misdaadsyfers toon steeds ‘n skerp toename in handelsmisdaad, ‘n duidelike aanduiding dat die gety nog nie teen korrupsie gedraai het nie. Ongelukkig maak lippediens dat teen korrupsie opgetree gaan word deel van die probleem, eerder as die euwel met wortel en tak uitgeroei word.

“Daar moet ‘n duidelike besef kom dat lae vlakke van moraliteit en verrotting van die samelewing bedmaats is.”

Do not become accustomed to corruption

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) reacted to the report by Mr. Martin Weltz, editor of Noseweek, that South Africans have become complacent with corruption.” Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP stated that “The World Bank describes corruption as the theft of a country’s future. Corruption strips a country of its wealth as vultures strip a carcass. It should be non negotiable that the public, with the assistance of the media, uncompromisingly expose corruption.

“The latest crime statistics show a sharp rise in cases of commercial crime, a clear indication that the tide has not yet turned against corruption. By simply paying lip service and not acting decisively to confront this evil, is not a solution, but only adds to the problem.

One thing is certain that low levels of morality and the decay of society go hand in hand.”