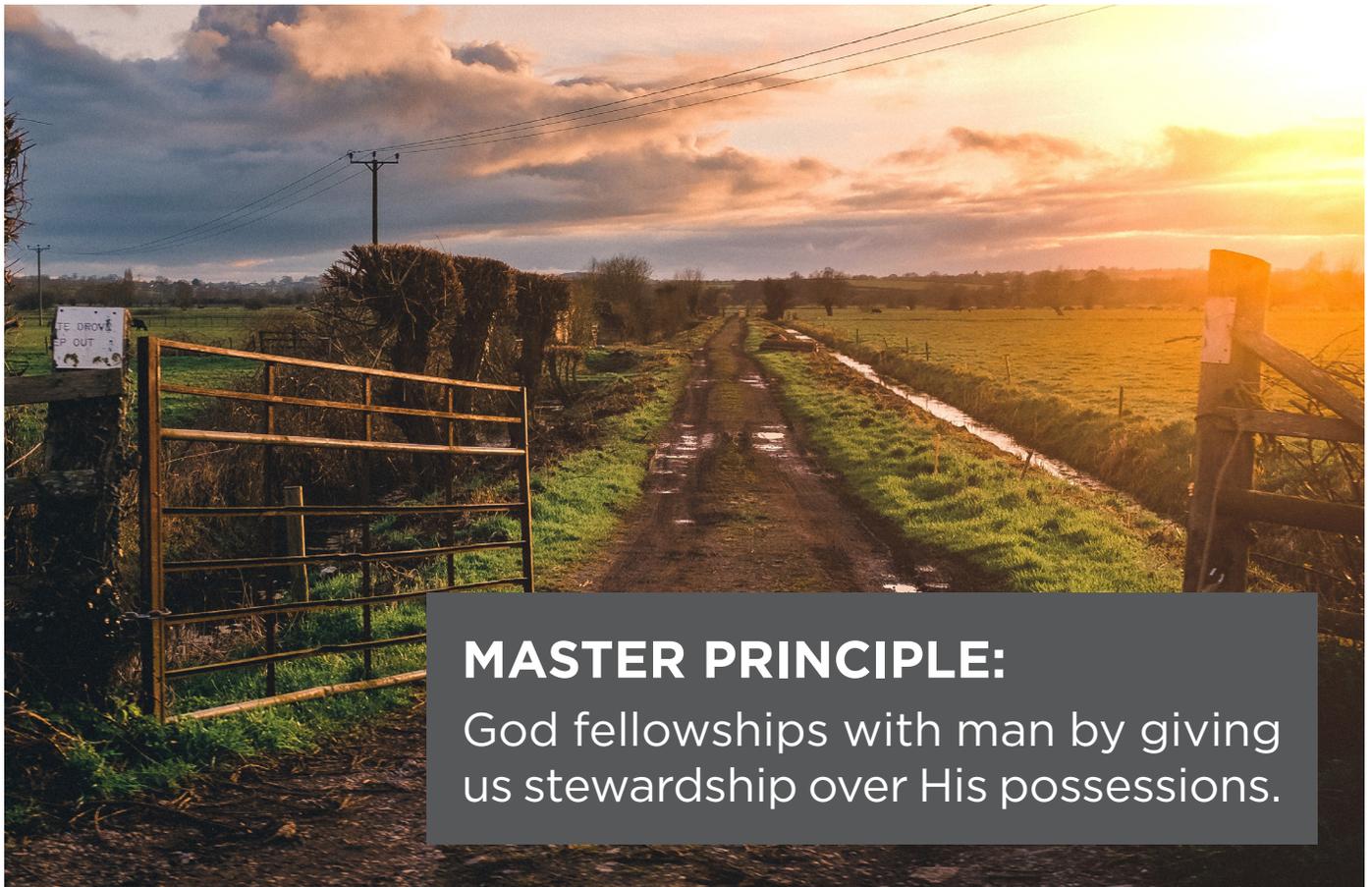




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Called by God to Steward His Creation, Part I
(Excerpted from The Freedom Series)

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MASTER PRINCIPLE:

God fellowships with man by giving us stewardship over His possessions.

IDOLS OF THE CITY TO PULL DOWN:

- *Dealing with religious deception (Matthew 15:5-6).*
- *Christians are not empowered until they die.*
- *Work is a curse.*

THE TRUTH:

- *God wants to share His power with us now and prepare us for fellowship with Him and for increasing responsibility in the family business.*
- *Power sharing comes through incremental problem solving, not death.*
- *Work is a holy, everlasting calling.*

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Homework:

- 1. The primary way God fellowships with us is by working with Him.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

- 2. When you become very successful in your business, there may be a time when it is necessary and acceptable for you to put teamwork or some other master principle on hold for a while to keep up with the work.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

- 3. In business, we should give people power based on their potential.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

- 4. Empowerment comes from:**
 - a. An act
 - b. A position or title
 - c. A process**

- 5. Why is Christianity responsible for much of the anti-work ethic in our culture?**

Answer: Many Christians believe we are on earth merely waiting to go to heaven so we can retire forever, instead of believing the truth that we are here to co-labor with God.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ **Did God have to change His game plan after the fall? Should we change our game plan when we fail?**

No, God did not change His game plan because the fall was part of His plan from the beginning. We should not change our game plan because we fail.

- ➔ **In God's thinking, when did He know the Savior as to be slain? How does this help you understand the way God thinks?**

And all who dwell on the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb who was slain. —Revelation 13:8

It says in Revelation 13:8 that the names in the Book of Life were written from the foundation of the world, thus God knew from the beginning that the Savior would need to be slain. This helps us understand that God is the master strategic thinker!

- ➔ **What three things do we need to share in order to create work partnerships?**

Goals, responsibility, and time.

- ➔ **Is the most powerful person in the world the president of the largest, most profitable company, the highest government official of the largest, most profitable nation, or is it neither?**

Neither is necessarily the most powerful person. Power does not come from money or position but from solving problems.

- ➔ **From this lesson, what will we take into eternity?**

Our obedient work, our character, and our skills.

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Called by God to Steward His Creation, Part II
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MASTER PRINCIPLE:

Servant leaders produce proprietors

IDOLS OF THE CITY TO PULL DOWN:

- Profit should be the primary goal of all businesses and business leaders.
- Capitalism is ethically inferior to socialism because it exploits people and things rather than caring for them (“utilitarianism” vs. “compassion”).

THE TRUTH:

- The primary goal of business should be the maturation of people in terms of creativity, stewardship, and proprietorial participation in their work.
- Neither “capitalism” nor “socialism” should be a Christian’s economic model. The believer’s economic model should be based on Scripture, not worldly economic categorizations.

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Called by God to Steward His Creation, Part 2
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Homework:

- 1. The primary goal of a godly leader is to be as profitable as possible because that is being fruitful in your labor.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**
- 2. The only way to really walk out God's principles of business is for everyone in a business to be a Christian.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**
- 3. Sin is not simply a moral or ethical catastrophe; it has one major attribute, according to this lesson. What is that attribute?**

Answer: Sin keeps us from producing what God wants us to produce.

- 4. In this lesson, what three biblical principles are the foundations of economic ethics?**

Answer:

- 1) Servant-oriented leadership.
- 2) Economic relationships that encourage virtue and discourage indolence should be properly rewarded.
- 3) Businesses that maximize a proprietorial spirit, creativity, and maturation of the participants.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

➔ **As servant leaders, should we serve people no matter what, without being concerned with whether or not they produce any fruit?**

No, we should not serve people without concern for the fruit they produce because God expects increase in everyone and everything.

➔ **What is God's method for preparing us to co-rule with Him?**

God designed the problems, pressures, and responsibilities in our life and work to teach us to become skillful, productive managers of all that He has entrusted to us.

➔ **What does ownership produce?**

It produces involvement.

➔ **Identify two accusations of capitalism.**

*1) It is profit-oriented, not people-oriented (utilitarian), i.e., it uses people.
2) It alienates man from his labor by objectifying labor into segregated production functions that are menial and repetitive.*

➔ **America and other countries have integrated many socialist ideas for the purpose of compassion. Is socialism compassionate toward people by putting everyone in a position of equality?**

No.

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Private Property: Cornerstone of Freedom (Excerpted from *The Freedom Series*)

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MASTER PRINCIPLE:

Lasting wealth is built generationally through the wise stewardship of private property.

IDOLS OF THE CITY TO PULL DOWN:

- *Private property is a very limited right that is subject to the civil government.*
- *Because life is short, people should maximize their pleasure and profit.*

THE TRUTH:

- *Private property is essential to both personal and societal maturity.*
- *Private property belongs to those who lawfully own it.*
- *Wise stewardship over property operates generationally rather than short-run.*

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Homework:

1. As a rule, it takes _____ generations for something to be implanted in a family.
 - a. **3**
 - b. 1
 - c. 5
2. Do you think Jesus was more concerned about the people He healed or His disciples?

Answer: He was more concerned about the disciples because they were those entrusted to Him to steward (John 17).
3. As our laws continue to undercut private property, what two things are produced in people?
 - a. **Immaturity & debt**
 - b. Security & balance
 - c. Maturity & growth
4. When we die, monetary inheritance and possessions will most benefit our children and grandchildren.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

➔ **Does God think it is good to put resources into research and development in a business?**

Yes, He wants us to be family-oriented, living for and investing in the long run, not just short-run consumption.

➔ **If you are hoping to own a bigger house than the one you have now, what should you do and why?**

God wants us to care for the house we have now before He will entrust us with something bigger.

➔ **What happens when we are entrusted with more responsibility?**

Increased fellowship, prosperity, and maturity.

➔ **As our laws continue to undercut private property, what two things are produced in people and why?**

They produce immaturity and debt because prosperity is the result of wise stewardship of private property. When you remove the stimulus, you will produce debt and immaturity because a person is not called up to bring increase to what they touch.

➔ **What is more beneficial to pass on to our children and grandchildren when we die than monetary inheritance and possessions?**

The character skills we have imparted to them that will allow them to acquire money and possessions. People with things but no character skills cannot hold onto what they have.

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The Inheritance of the Heart

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EPHESIANS 1:18-23

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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The Inheritance of the Heart (Excerpted from the *Creating Wealth* series)

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Homework:

1. God's main goals for us are that we would inherit His heart and pass on His heart to others and share in Him together.

a. True

b. False

2. Explain 2-3 concepts you learned from this lesson; for each one, name the spheres to which they are most applicable (e.g., self, family, community, church, business/marketplace, nation).

3. Think about then explain how you could personally apply or activate a concept or truth from this lesson to your life.

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Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ Are we seeing and relating generationally in our families and businesses?
- ➔ What specific ideas and habit patterns must we change?
(Refer to the single-generational living section of the lesson outline.)
- ➔ How can we begin to change those we influence to see and break the curse of Malachi 4:4-6?

⁴ Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. ⁶ He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse. —Malachi 4:4-6

- ➔ How can we make ourselves available to God for this movement? What will we be committed to do?

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Building Spiritual & Organizational Dynasties
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1 CORINTHIANS 3:13

But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

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Homework:

- 1. The keys to prosperity and generational wealth lay in partnering with God on eternal goals and inheriting and passing on His heart.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False
- 2. Explain 2-3 concepts you learned from this lesson; for each one, name the spheres to which they are most applicable (e.g., self, family, community, church, business/marketplace, nation).**
- 3. Think about then explain how you could personally apply or activate a concept or truth from this lesson to your life.**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

➔ **Why is language pivotal in the building of organizations?**

Because there must be language unity in an organization for it to be successful.

➔ **Whatever is not in faith is sin. Have you evaluated the motivation behind your own projects or organizations and pressed God to determine if it is in alignment with His will and plans?**

You cannot partner with God if you are not sure He is behind what you are doing. Joseph & Daniel, for example, discerned God's purpose in the organization they were a part of and rose to management/rulership.

➔ **How do we discern God's purposes for our lives, families, and organizations?**

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. —1 Corinthians 3:10-13

Spend time evaluating your work based on 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 to find the permanent, eternal work that stands the test of fire. Sit quietly before God until He speaks. Identify your personal "DNA."

➔ **How do we produce sons and daughters?**

We must be transparent in order to transfer our heart.

➔ **What are the benefits of sons and daughters vs. "slaves" (workers who do not share your heart)?**

Overseeing slaves takes all your time. Sons and daughters can be trusted because they share your heart and vision. This allows you the freedom to continue to build, work on other projects, and ultimately be more productive.

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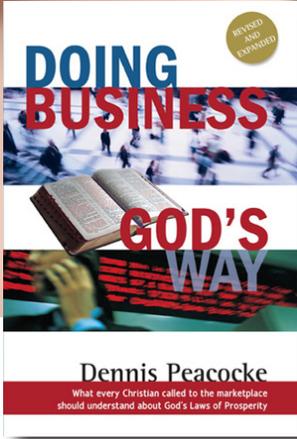
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God is Building a Family Business

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #1: God is the Creator of private property.

Homework:

1. **God the Father is building a family business called "ALMIGHTY & SONS." List four things He wants for us:**

Answer:

1. He wants each of His children to have a franchise in that business.
2. He wants the business to grow through each of us.
3. He wants His children to reap its blessings.
4. He wants the needy, hurting people of the world to benefit from the services His business offers.

2. **We are called to apply godly stewardship and care over the resources entrusted to us and to look for opportunities to attack Hell's gates. Where do you begin first?**

Answer: From your own life.

3. **Explain how you personally can occupy (literally: conduct business) until Jesus comes, remembering that the Bible is a textbook on all areas of life. Try to be specific about your own life.**

4. **What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?**

Quiz:

- 1. The phrase, “God builds relationally,” is best described by the following statement:**
 - a. Christians shouldn’t work with unbelievers if given a choice
 - b. Only marrying a believer
 - c. Following our authority figures
 - d. God incarnates His will in and through people**
- 2. The five biblically implied jurisdictions of human government are:**
 - a. Self, family, church, marketplace, civil**
 - b. Family, church, local, national, international
 - c. Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors
- 3. Of the following options, which one best expresses the purpose of the Christian life?**
 - a. Get yourselves, your family, and friends to heaven
 - b. Be a real soul-winner
 - c. Be a disciple, make disciples, and expand the Kingdom**
 - d. Constantly seek to be a better person
- 4. According to the author, problems:**
 - a. Are part of life and something we should just try to make it through
 - b. Bring power when we process them right**
 - c. Are the result of sin
 - d. Are something to be avoided or escaped from at all times
- 5. Dualism is defined as:**
 - a. The false separation of spirit and matter where the materiel world is viewed as less important than spiritual things**
 - b. Being of two minds
 - c. Knowing that heaven and earth are one
- 6. Private property:**
 - a. Is a selfish concept
 - b. Is a biblical concept**
 - c. Is only allowed if certain things are also held in common, i.e. available to the community
- 7. The term, *Ekklesia*:**
 - a. Is meant solely for civil government
 - b. Is the Greek word for “church”**
 - c. Is a term meant only for secular society
 - d. Has no relevant meaning today
- 8. Which of the following is not part of the three basic tenets of the socialist agenda:**
 - a. Commandeering public education
 - b. Essentially abolishing private property
 - c. Reducing the church to only dealing with “heavenly” issues
 - d. Releasing creativity by allowing all people free expression**

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #1: God is the Creator of private property.

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Purpose"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ What does the word "purpose" bring to mind?
- ➔ To what degree does God require our effort to fulfill His purposes?
- ➔ Read Psalm 24:1 & 90:16-17. What do these verses mean? (Focus on key words.)

*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,
The world, and those who dwell in it. —Psalm 24:1*

*Let Your work appear to Your servants
And Your majesty to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands. —Psalm 90:16-17*

- ➔ What are you doing to advance God's purposes for the earth?
- ➔ How would your perspective on your job change if you knew that it was successfully furthering God's purposes on and for the earth?
- ➔ What can you commit to do that will encourage the growth of the perspective shared in the previous question?

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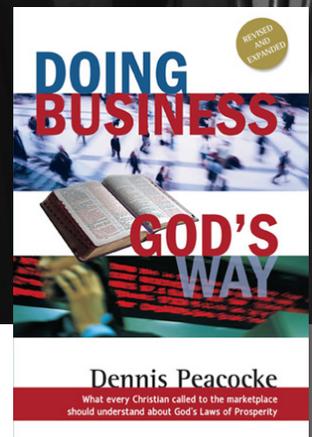
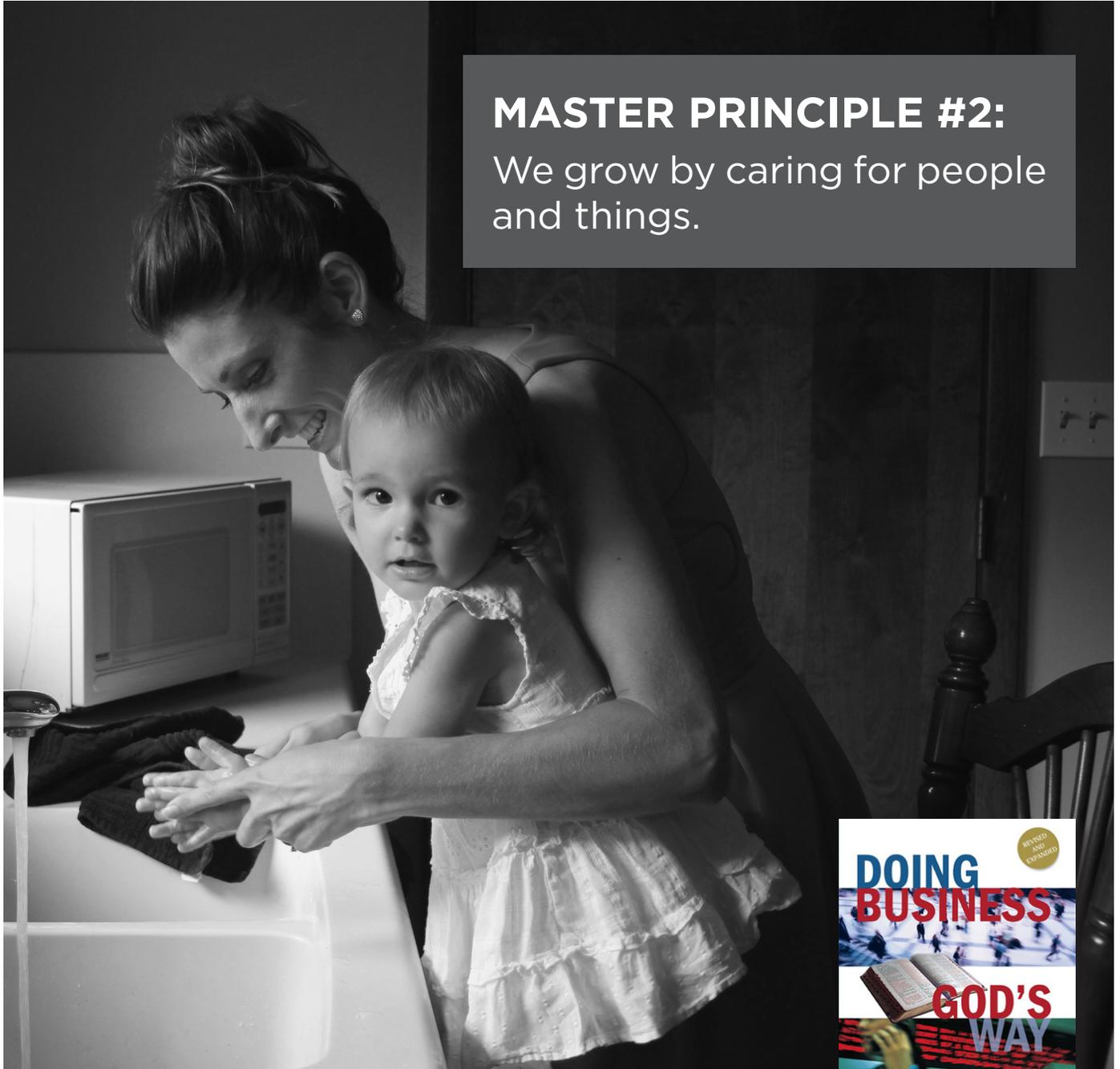
Maturity Comes by Stewarding Property

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #2: We grow by caring for people and things.

Homework:

1. **Read Luke 19:12-27. What are your thoughts relative to this Scripture and what you are learning in this book?**

2. **Why does God give us power gradually?**

Answer: God's power plant far exceeds our puny capacities to contain and utilize it. Our character, until forged and purified through trials and problems, is too weak and self-serving to handle much power without being corrupted. God must therefore train us to incrementally handle His power, lest we be destroyed by the very thing we most need to work with Him.

3. **List several heroes of the Bible that were problem solvers:**

Answer: Moses, Joshua, David, Paul

4. **What is the primary difference between secular and Godly leadership?**

Answer: The difference is that Godly leadership has one primary goal: To draw others into their full potential in God.

5. **List five character skills that will go with us into eternity:**

Answer:

1. Godly motives
2. Godly ethics
3. Service orientation
4. Leadership skills
5. Stewardship skills

6. **What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?**

Quiz:

- 1. From a biblical perspective, the word, “success,” may be best defined as:**
 - a. Leading large numbers of the lost to Christ
 - b. Prospering in business so as to provide generous financial support to various ministries
 - c. Living out a biblical worldview as you obey the Holy Spirit in progressively aligning yourself with the will and ways of the Kingdom of God and His Word**
- 2. A “Christian business” is best described as:**
 - a. Making sure all employees are Christians before hiring them
 - b. Engaging biblical principles in every facet of the business as a process**
 - c. Offering Bible studies to all employees at the company’s expense on company time
 - d. Tithing on the company’s profits before taxes for the purpose of God’s work
- 3. Based on biblical economic principles, the primary reason the Prodigal Son squandered his inheritance was:**
 - a. Because he was not a Christian
 - b. Because he was in rebellion
 - c. Because he lacked the wisdom and skill to manage it**
- 4. Which of the following is not one of the primary things we all must give an account for:**
 - a. Our possessions**
 - b. Our bodies
 - c. Our conscience
 - d. Our relationships
 - e. Our talents
- 5. Where does our leadership stop?**
 - a. At the point where we can no longer solve problems**
 - b. When we get too prideful
 - c. When we become advanced in age
 - d. When we have achieved everything that is possible
- 6. Power is guarded by:**
 - a. Hard work
 - b. Problems**
 - c. God—because He doesn’t want to share it

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #2: We grow by caring for people and things.

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Responsibility"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If we were putting together a "Responsibility 101" class, what would some of the lesson titles be?
- Describe the relationship between responsibility and productivity.
- Read Luke 19:12-27. What is God saying relative to His view of responsibility and productivity?

*¹² So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. ¹³ And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.' ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' ¹⁵ When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. ¹⁶ The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ The second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.' ²⁰ Another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He *said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ Then he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas already.' ²⁶ I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. ²⁷ But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.'" —Luke 19:12-27*

- What are you doing now that qualifies you to take on more responsibility?
- How would you grow in responsibility if you started consistently viewing problems at your job as genuine opportunities?
- Write a brief prayer regarding responsibility and productivity that you will commit to praying daily over the next week.

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Generational Wealth and the Family Unit

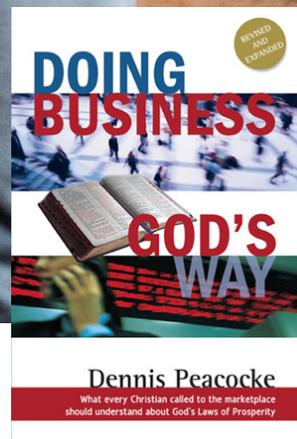
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MASTER PRINCIPLE #3: All lasting wealth comes through the family unit and is built generationally.

Homework:

1. What are the five major areas of biblically definable wealth?

Answer:

1. Relational peace with God
2. Relationships God has given you
3. Revelational wealth
4. Time
5. Material contentment

2. In your own words, explain the following statement: "Godly families pass on the skills of stewardship and character as the primary guarantee of success."

3. How are the family and the economy linked?

Answer: A nation's economic prosperity is based on its view of and care for the family unit. Good family law is good economic policy for a nation for a number of reasons. Cripple the family and you destroy the national economy.

Divorce, illegitimacy policies, abortion, pornography, and materialism show up directly in a nation's savings rate, debt-equity structures, civic and corporate debt, and non-replenishable resources. The best barometer of a nation's economic health is the rate of improvement or regression of family health; it is a spiritual/moral affair.

4. Describe what you think your calling is:

Quiz:

1. **Strategic living and building may be best associated with which one of the following groupings of words?**
 - a. **Intentional; strategic; results driven**
 - b. Praying; taking counsel; working hard
 - c. Praying; taking counsel; agreeing with your spouse

2. **Christians should:**
 - a. Plan short-term because we do not know the hour of the Lord's return
 - b. **Plan long-term because God thinks from the end to the beginning**
 - c. Not plan but be led solely by the Holy Spirit

3. **If we want God involved in our business:**
 - a. We should regularly pray and invite God into it and request His blessing
 - b. **We should first ask what business He wants us in, ask to be a part of it, and see how we can co-labor with Him**
 - c. Understand that we should be honest, that we should look for opportunities to witness, and that we should faithfully tithe on the revenues of the business

4. **What principle does Matthew 13:12 establish most clearly?**
 - a. **Use it or lose it—those who steward get more; those that don't, lose it all**
 - b. Having an abundance is important
 - c. The poor will be punished
 - d. The rich always end up with everything

5. **Why is warfare around families so severe?**
 - a. Because family is so complicated with interpersonal issues
 - b. **Because God's blessing pipeline is the family**
 - c. Because of individual sin

6. **Biblically, inheritance is:**
 - a. To be left to your children
 - b. **To be left to your children's children**
 - c. An option just for the wealthy

7. **According to the author, how many generations does it take for character traits to be implemented or replaced in a family?**
 - a. None—because God's redeeming power is immediate
 - b. Two—one generation showing the next
 - c. **Three—God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**
 - d. An indefinable number because it varies with each family

8. **God gave land to which institutions?**
 - a. Nations
 - b. Families
 - c. **Both nations and families**
 - d. Neither, it is primarily the ownership of the state

Doing Business God's Way: Chapter 3

Generational Wealth and the Family Unit

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

MASTER PRINCIPLE #3: All lasting wealth comes through the family unit and is built generationally.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

DISCUSSION THEME: "Generational Wealth and the Family Unit"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some of the words or ideas you associate with wealth?
- What are some examples of wealth being used wisely? How about poorly?
- Read Proverbs 13:22. What does this verse say?

*A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. —Proverbs 13:22*

- What do you have now that would qualify as wealth eighty years from now? How are you preparing to transfer it to others?
- What do you suspect your grandchildren's lives will be like if you are faithful to build wisely with your children in the following categories of wealth stewardship?
 - A biblical perspective on life:
 - Relationships:
 - Understanding your destiny and place in God's work:
 - Good health (time to fulfill your destiny):
 - Material contentment:

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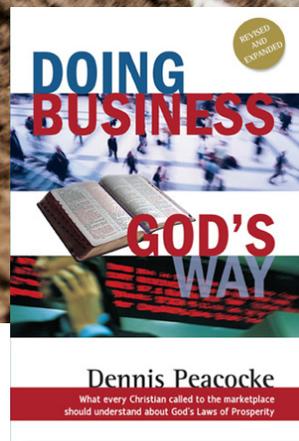
Our God Loves to Work

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #4:
Work is a holy, everlasting calling.



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Our God Loves to Work

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #4: Work is a holy, everlasting calling.

Homework:

1. The text states, “work allows what is inside of me to be revealed to the outside world.” How do you relate to this statement? Read Mark 7:14-23.

2. In this section, describe what work does in the modern world:

Answer: It demonstrates our spiritual values.

In all the world's major religions, only Christianity has a theology of labor. Why? Because work is a holy, everlasting calling.

We must convince the Church's tradesmen and business professionals who make up the world's work force that theirs is not second-class work. It is not carnal, and God loves and honors them not one bit less than those who earn a living from the ministry of the local church.

3. What did Jesus mean in Matthew 6:19-20?

Answer: Many think God doesn't want us to prosper, but Christ didn't mean that at all.

Why then did Jesus make the following statement? “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your wealth is there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

He said it to distinguish worldly riches from wealth.

4. What are the four things that wealth is centered around?

Answer: Love, skill, obedience, and knowledge

5. What is the primary difference between capitalism and Kingdom economics?

Answer: Stewardship replaces riches as our motivation. When that happens, contentment replaces envy, greed, and discontent.

6. What has been your experience with Christians in the workplace?

Quiz:

1. Work is best defined as:

- a. A result of the fall and a curse
- b. A holy, everlasting calling**
- c. Something we should seek to be released from
- d. An unpleasant necessity

2. Wealth is:

- a. Not something you can define as it consists of so many intangible things
- b. The things that carry transcendent value because they were created by God, e.g. land, animals, gold/silver, manpower**
- c. Found in the world system, e.g. money, gold/silver, commodities

3. Riches are best defined as:

- a. Things made by people that can be bought or sold, therefore, they fall under the control of mammon**
- b. An abundance of money that God wants everyone to have
- c. Real estate, livestock, and other tangible assets

Doing Business God's Way: Chapter 4

Our God Loves to Work

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #4: Work is a holy, everlasting calling.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

DISCUSSION THEME: "Work is a holy, everlasting calling"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some words or ideas you associate with work? What do they tell us about work?
- What is the relationship between work and the soul?
- Read Mark 7:14-23. What do these verses mean relative to our work?

*¹⁴ After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. ¹⁶ [If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]" ¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. ¹⁸ And He *said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." —Mark 7:14-23*

- How well are you representing God's heart toward work on your job?
- Besides working harder, how would you relate to your job differently if Jesus was your boss?
- In light of the previous question, what is one practical thing you can do this week at your job to become a better worker?

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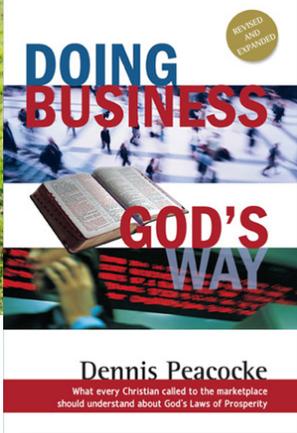
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MASTER PRINCIPLE #5:
Service is the foundation of
all lasting growth.



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #5: Service is the foundation of all lasting growth.

Homework:

1. What benefit do Christian leaders see by producing proprietors?

Answer: They work harder because they have a stake in the business.

Employees are not what the Christian business is all about. It is about partners, associates, and proprietors.

2. Describe “servant leadership” in your own words. What would it look like in your work?

3. How do you draw people into partnership in your business?

Answer: By giving them increasing amounts of responsibility according to their calling, ability, and faithfulness.

Your primary job in your business is to help those who work with you to discover what they are supposed to do in your business and to draw their skills out so they can do their work better and more effectively. Profit is a fruit, not a goal. Not everyone is suited for your business. Help them find what they are suited for.

To be involved evangelistically in the business community, concentrate less on handing out tracts and more on helping people discover the design and potential God has for them. You may be the only person in someone's life that helps them do this. Openness to the Gospel follows true service.

4. In your own words, explain what Matthew 10:39 teaches us.

5. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than men.” What does this mean in your workplace?

6. What do you think Christian Leadership looks like?

7. What type of business do you think God blesses?

8. What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?

Quiz:

1. Profit is a _____ not a _____.
 - a. fruit; goal
 - b. goal; fruit
 - c. standard; byproduct

2. The downside of capitalism is:
 - a. It leans towards “survival of the fittest” and, unfettered, can turn people into objects of production and consumption
 - b. It seeks to produce equality
 - c. It fails to reward personal efforts

3. The downside of socialism is:
 - a. It’s paternalistic and promotes dependency, envy, and confiscatory taxes
 - b. It doesn’t help the poor enough
 - c. It doesn’t exercise enough state control

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #5: Service is the foundation of all lasting growth.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

DISCUSSION THEME: "Service is the foundation of all lasting growth"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ What does the word "service" bring to mind?
- ➔ What is it about service that is so important to God?
- ➔ Read Luke 22:25-27. What is Christ's posture towards service?

²⁵ And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' ²⁶ But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves. —Luke 22:25-27

- ➔ What are you doing to improve your ability as a servant?
- ➔ How would your attitude toward service change if you knew that the level of benefit would exceed the level of sacrifice?
- ➔ What is one skill you can commit to investing in this week that will help you better serve your family or employer?

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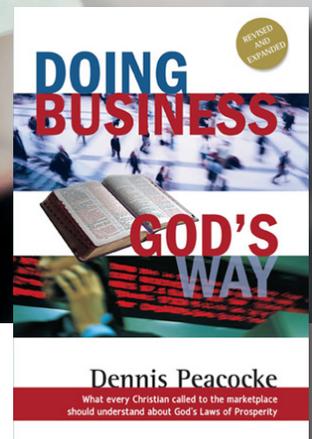
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What Money Reveals About People

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #6: God pays for what He orders.

Homework:

1. **“Many of my limitations are designed by God to protect me.” What does this mean?**

2. **Do you agree with the author about money being a road to being a god?**

3. **Explain this statement: “God sees money as a symptom, not a cause.”**

Answer: Man's attitude about the amount of money or material assets he has is a symptom of his spiritual condition. It reveals how much we look to Him as our ultimate source and problem solver. Money does not cause us to change our spiritual condition, rather it reveals our spiritual condition.

4. **What do you think the term “our appointed sphere” describes?**

5. How do different cultures leverage through sacrifice? Do you think that we as Christians are a good witness in this area?

6. What is the difference between profit seeking and servanthood?

Answer: God wants to empower people with His goals and skills, and He wants us to use our wealth to promote this.

7. What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?

Quiz:

1. According to the author, spending money is most simply defined as:

- a. **Spending Time**
- b. Buying things you need or want
- c. Being materialistic

2. The phrase, “God pays for what He orders,” most simply means:

- a. **God’s work done God’s way will never lack funding**
- b. You should never go into debt
- c. Provision will always precede a project in advance
- d. If there’s money for a project, it must be God

3. The Bible forbids debt.

- a. True
- b. **False**

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #6: God pays for what He orders.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

DISCUSSION THEME: "God-ordained limitations"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why do people generally struggle with limitations?
- Why does God limit the amount of money we are given or released to steward?
- Read Genesis 3:1-6. What are some of the consequences of moving outside of God's ordained limits?

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. —Genesis 3:1-6

- What is your attitude toward the limits God has placed on you financially, in your occupation, and relationally?
- If you could discern whether a limit you were confronting was God-ordained or not, how would that change your attitude toward those limits?
- Who is the one individual in your life (outside your immediate family) who can help you discern the limitations God has placed in your life?

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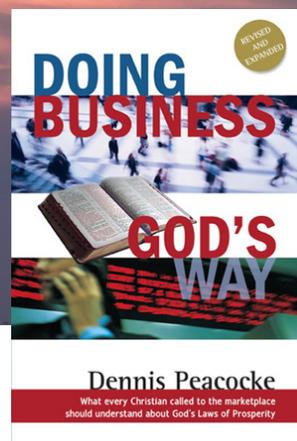
Risk, Self-Respect, and Redemptive Struggle

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Risk, Self-Respect, and Redemptive Struggle

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #7: The possibility of failure is essential for human growth.

Homework:

1. What does the “modern liberal state” encourage?

Answer:

1. Enslaving the needy with addictive aid
2. Shielding people from the consequences of their sin
3. Financial policies that promote rebellion against God's laws
4. Moral failure
5. Penalization of virtue
6. Paternalism

2. Why don't people want a feedback system such as the Bible?

Answer: Because they don't want to obey the rules or have others obey the rules. It makes their rebellion harder to hide.

Those who oppose God's feedback system try to keep men from reading it correctly with two techniques: 1) By rejecting/ridiculing the Word of God and shielding the citizens of a culture from it as much as their society's constitutional law permits, and 2) By using tax dollars to “muffle” the effects of sin on the disobedient by providing them goods/services to lessen the blows of cause and effect.

3. To what extent do you believe State of the Union speeches are the philosophy of the modern, liberal state? Do you recognize it as such? Give an example or two.

4. Give some examples of how the state resists God's feedback system in today's government.

Answer: If you fornicate, the state will either directly or indirectly help you kill the child through abortion or help you raise it using other people's money.

If you develop an addiction, the State will help keep you addicted or pay for help, as long as the help isn't Christian-based.

5. What does the author mean when he says, “If I can't fail, I can't truly succeed?” Do you agree?

6. The author writes in Chapter 7, “By the staff of His protection and provision we stay within the pasture of obedience to His Word and guidance.” Read Psalm 23. Do you agree that the possibility of failure and pain is essential for human growth?

7. "If you really love me, let me struggle." Give 2-3 examples from life or nature that demonstrate this concept.

8. In what way do the government's science, technology, monetary, and fiscal policies continue to play parent to its citizens?

9. List four lies the government tells us. Provide examples for each.

Answer:

1. Authority must increasingly be centralized in the state. *Examples: schools; federal hate crime laws.*
2. Case law and bureaucratic law must gently replace constitutional law if people who really need help and protection are to get it. *Example: Cases decided by the Supreme Court.*
3. To provide a just and compassionate safety net, taxes must be raised to provide adequate services. *Examples: Social Security; Medicare; welfare.*
4. The state will guarantee the ultimate litmus test of a society's true freedom: consenting adult sexual freedom. *Examples: Laws covering homosexual and transgender rights and companies that encourage these by their employment incentives.*

10. "Jesus takes poverty out of people, not people out of poverty." In your own words, what do you think the author means by this statement?

Quiz:

1. Why did God permit sin?

- a. Because He wanted us to know what it was like to live without Him
- b. To find out who really loves Him
- c. Because without allowing us to exercise free will and make choices, we would never mature**

2. Shielding someone from failure produces:

- a. Dependence on that person instead of God**
- b. More self-confidence for them
- c. Allows them to mature faster

3. The possibility of failure and pain:

- a. Is to be avoided as much as possible
- b. Is essential for human growth**
- c. Is the result of sin

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Facilitator Meeting Guide

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Risk"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some words or ideas associated with risk?
- In terms of your health, comfort, aspirations, destiny, ministry, etc., what level of risk does God permit in these areas of your life?
- Read Hebrews 5:8. What are the implications of the phrase, "He learned obedience from the things which He suffered?"

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. —Hebrews 5:8

- Sometimes, not allowing people to suffer the consequences of their decisions or actions can be more damaging than the actual consequence (the remedy is more deadly than the illness). How well are you responding to the consequences of your actions that God has not removed?
- How do you think a clear understanding of the risk you are living in will impact your relationship with God?
- Identify your pattern of response when faced with risk.

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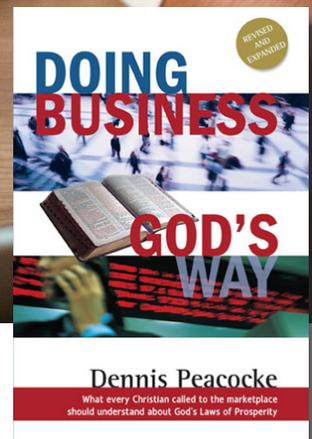
Exposing the Cruelty of the Economics of Blame

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #8:
Ideas and actions have economic consequences.



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #8: Ideas and actions have economic consequences.

Homework:

- 1. List seven characteristics that directly affect the financial strength of individuals:**
Answer: Stewardship skills, work habits, savings patterns, consumption patterns, honesty, ability to cooperate, service orientation
- 2. The author states that “poverty is the result of sin.” Comment on this thought.**
- 3. What do we need to do to help those who have not experienced stewardship?**
Answer: One on one, they need to be taught to be mature stewards. This is primarily the job of Christians, and we have failed miserably at it. They need to be led in obedience to God's Law, then they will develop wealth, character, and skills that will enable them to produce riches.
- 4. What are three modern examples of man blaming the environment for poverty?**
 1. Psychological determinism (Freudianism)
 2. Economic determinism (Marxism)
 3. Biological determinism (Darwinism)
- 5. Darwin wanted us to believe that we evolved into what we are today. What do Darwin's theories lead us to believe about different races?**
Answer: Darwin and his biological determinism want us to believe that it is the amount of strength in our heredity which determines our station in life. Genetic codes and parental genes compel us to become whatever we become. We are victims of chance procreation—not asking to be born, but stuck with the biological cards we've been dealt from our parents and race.
- 6. The text mentions four major methods God sets before us to alleviate poverty. Practically speaking, how could you make each of these happen in your community? List your four answers and explain.**
Answer:
 - 1. Create opportunities for gleaning.** How can you make what you produce available to those truly in need in exchange for their labor?
 - 2. Making non-interest-bearing loans available to the brethren.** These loans fulfill the spirit of Christ's Sermon on the Mount in terms of non-reciprocal gifts, charity, and love for those in genuine need.
 - 3. Voluntary servitude.** The biblical way of removing poverty requires personal discipline rather than the direct approach of government subsidies, social workers, and arms-length help.
 - 4. A primary focus on displaying Almighty's love in practical ways:** Those not in poverty have a biblical and moral obligation both to use their wealth to encourage the poor and to provide opportunity for dignified self-help through labor. (Recommended reading: *Conspiracy of Kindness* by Steve Shogren)

Quiz:

1. **A modern-day application of the biblical pattern of gleaning would be:**
 - a. Donating imperfect products, i.e. “fallen fruit”
 - b. Donating cancelled orders, i.e. “corners of the fields”
 - c. Considering others with anything we produce
 - d. All of the Above**

2. **Poverty is:**
 - a. A spiritual disease that can be personal and/or generational**
 - b. Unmerited misfortune
 - c. Being born in the wrong place

3. **Generally speaking, the world believes that poverty is caused by:**
 - a. Exploitation and chance**
 - b. The poor being lazy
 - c. Inequality and lack of social welfare

4. **Thinking patterns:**
 - a. Lead to actions which form habits and character**
 - b. Are not of significance as they change so easily
 - c. Rarely affect a person’s actions

5. **What is a 21st-century example of man blaming the environment for poverty?**
 - a. Freudianism (psychological determinism)
 - b. Marxism (economic determinism)
 - c. Darwinism (biological determinism)
 - d. All of the Above**

6. **The statement, “we are all victims,” is an example of:**
 - a. The reality of modern-day life
 - b. Psychological determinism**
 - c. Economic determinism
 - d. A summary of the book of Job

7. **Class warfare is most easily defined as:**
 - a. Cultural prejudices
 - b. The rich against the poor, hating one another
 - c. A result of the systematic rationalization that the “haves” are oppressing the “have-nots”**

8. **Circumstances determine the attitude of your heart:**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

9. **How can we help alleviate poverty?**
 - a. By creating opportunities for gleaning, voluntary servitude, and non-interest bearing loans**
 - b. By funding more government-run projects for job training, welfare, etc.
 - c. Because “the poor you will have with you always,” there really isn’t a point in trying to deal with poverty

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #8: Ideas and actions have economic consequences.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Blame shifting"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What does the term "blame shifting" bring to mind?
- What are some of the consequences of falling prey to being a "victim?"
- Read Proverbs 13:21, 14:23, 19:15, and 28:19. Based on God's Word, how does poverty "happen" to people?

Adversity pursues sinners, but the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.
—Proverbs 13:21

In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. —Proverbs 14:23

Laziness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle man will suffer hunger. —Proverbs 19:15

He who tills his land will have plenty of food, but he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty. —Proverbs 28:19

- In what areas of your life have you fallen prey to blaming circumstances for your situation?
- If you were equipped in God to battle and overcome one aspect of poverty in your community, what would it be?
- What obstacles to overcoming various aspects of poverty can you identify in your own life?
- What is one thing you can do to begin to overcome them this week?

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Justice and Equality Are Not the Same

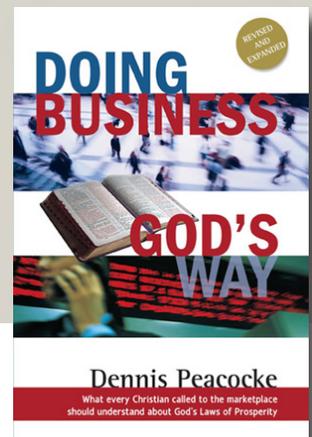
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Justice and Equality Are Not the Same

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #9: Men are not equal, and economic redistribution cannot change this fact.

Homework:

1. What is the difference between “justice” and “equality?”

Answer: We are not all equal in skills, talents, and abilities. God made us this way so that we all might need and complement each other. We cannot make everyone equal no matter how hard we try. On the other hand, we all deserve justice under the law. In a just society, that is all we should be guaranteed. If you look at the Equal Employment Opportunity issue, it is clear that the only relevant argument is, “Was the person treated justly under the existing rules/law?”

2. The creation is not complete without what?

Answer: Man adding his creativity and innovation to its development.

Adam was commanded to take dominion over the Earth. God created the cosmos; as we saw in Chapter One, the word, *cosmos*, contains within it the concept of being cared for and tended. Deeply woven into the cosmos and man himself is the need for man's discovery and stewardship of the universe. Man is not created for eternal retirement; he is created to steward God's cosmos as an inspired, landscape architect under the general orders of God the Land Owner.

3. What are some examples of man's rebellion toward God?

Answer:

1. By declaring that all men are basically good and always want to do good deep in their hearts.
2. The teaching of Freud and our willingness to accept it and transfer blame for our actions.
3. The concept that man is the way he is as a result of his environment.

4. As defined by Scripture, list the eight things we must steward in order to live justly:

Answer:

1. My body
2. My natural and spiritual gifts
3. My relationships
4. My natural possessions
5. Christ's Gospel
6. My salvation and the salvation of others
7. God-ordained authority
8. My place in the spiritual work of both my generation and nation

5. After studying this lesson, how would you define justice?

6. What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?

Quiz:

1. Equality means:

- a. According to the law, we all are held and protected to receive justice under it
- b. That we all have the same financial and material possessions
- c. That we all have the same potential regarding skills, talents, and abilities and should be guaranteed equal benefits

2. The heart of modern paganism:

- a. Attempts to make equal what God has made unique
- b. Is about worshipping idols
- c. Is focused on materialism

3. True wealth has the following elements:

- a. Godly character, wise stewardship, and faithful work
- b. An affluent living style without debt
- c. Abundant finances

4. Justice is:

- a. Treating others the same way they treat us
- b. What seems right to us
- c. Aligning ourselves with God's Word versus attempting to measure ourselves against each other

5. What term is used to justify most of the government's practices?

- a. Executive order
- b. State control
- c. Equality

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Justice and Equality Are Not the Same

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #9: Men are not equal, and economic redistribution cannot change this fact.

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DISCUSSION THEME: "The Politics of 'Equality'"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ What does the word "equality" bring to mind?
- ➔ Describe the difference between justice and equality.
- ➔ Read Isaiah 5:20-21, 23b. What are these verses about?

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight! ^{23b} And take away the rights of the ones who are in the right! —Isaiah 5:20-21, 23b

- ➔ What damage have you done to uniqueness in the name of equality? What happened as a result?
- ➔ How can you encourage the God-given uniqueness of those in your sphere of influence?
- ➔ What can you do to expose the politics of equality at work in your community?
- ➔ Encourage one person this week in your sphere of influence based on their uniqueness.

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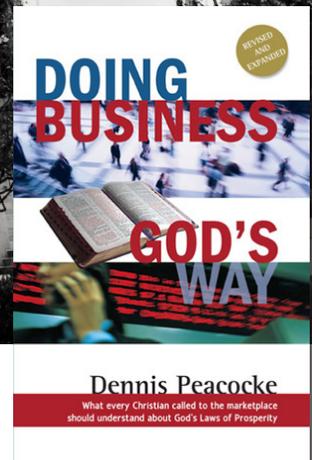
Godly Government Produces Peace & Productivity

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #10:
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MASTER PRINCIPLE #10: Functioning biblical government is essential for productivity.

Homework:

1. List the five jurisdictions of human government.

Answer:

1. Self-government of individuals
2. Family government
3. Church (ecclesiastic) government
4. Commercial government or voluntary associations
5. Civil government

2. What should be the driving force behind Christian organizations? What does it take to accomplish this?

Answer: That every person's dignity be enhanced and protected in God and their gifts be revealed and developed.

3. Explain why you think the government can or cannot solve our problems.

Answer: The current notion is that the state is "God walking on the earth." The state and the process of civil government have become the politics of salvation for the masses. It claims the state will solve our problems. As a result of this philosophy of government, the responsibility for change in the modern, secular state rests at the top rather than down at the bottom with the people. The unspoken assumption of modern society is that change comes from the top-down. We believe, however, that change comes from the bottom-up. Believe me, bureaucrats will not willingly change.

4. What is your philosophy of government?

Answer: Clear biblical government is essential for productivity.

My philosophy of government is critical. Is it clearly defined to those whom I have influence or responsibility over at home, work, church, or in society? If it isn't clear for me, by what criteria am I governing and by what specific principles? What am I doing to enhance people's productivity, increase their skill levels, and enable them to thrive in an atmosphere that recognizes mistakes and corrects them, but focuses primarily on developing potential?

Quiz:

1. To understand and know good government, we must:

- a. Know God's government as it is outlined in Scripture**
- b. Study civil law
- c. Understand democracy

2. Human rights come from:

- a. God**
- b. Within ourselves
- c. The government

3. Simply put, tyranny is:

- a. The abuse of power**
- b. A consensus from the people
- c. A fierce ruler

4. Anarchy is:

- a. When an authoritarian ruler takes over
- b. When the individual becomes the focus of human government**
- c. A powerful form of democracy

5. Tribalism is:

- a. When the family becomes the centering focus of government**
- b. A form of anarchy
- c. A cultural form of government

6. Statism is:

- a. When the local government makes all the decisions
- b. When the civil government becomes the power center**
- c. A form of communism

7. The heart of government:

- a. Is in being the solution to the nation's problems
- b. Is its love for the people
- c. Rests in its view of power**

8. What is the single greatest key to productivity in the workplace?

- a. The spiritual atmosphere your leader produces**
- b. An authoritarian structure
- c. Everyone having an equal say

9. Society, the marketplace, and the criminal courts end up with problems as a result of the failing of what jurisdiction?

- a. The government
- b. The church
- c. The individual
- d. The family/home**

10. When God established the nation of Israel, He established His rule over it as a theocracy. In modern times, biblical government is best represented by:

- a. A republic
- b. A theocracy
- c. Pure democracy**

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Productivity"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ Describe your view of productivity.
- ➔ What are some of the key ingredients that go into a productive lifestyle?
- ➔ Read Romans 13:1-7. What is Paul saying about God's government?

¹Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. ⁵Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. —Romans 13:1-7

- ➔ What are you doing to welcome and embrace God's government in your life at work, in the church, and in your community?
- ➔ How would the revelation that godly government produces peace and productivity impact the culture at your work?
- ➔ Pick one thing this week that you can practically do to help impact your workplace with this understanding of the value of government?

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The Essential Threefold Cords

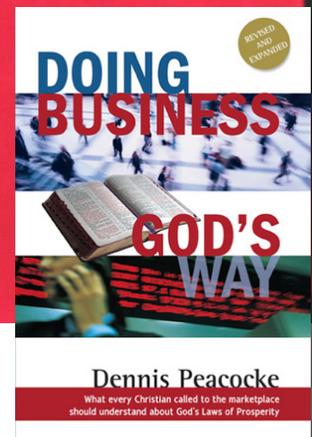
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MASTER PRINCIPLE #11:

Christians must live as disciples, renewing their minds, and come together in unity to execute God's plan for the nations.



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #11: Christians must live as disciples, renewing their minds, and come together in unity to execute God's plan for the nations.

Homework:

1. What three things enable knowledge of truth to become powerful?

Answer: When it is applied: 1) properly, 2) consistently, and 3) with explanation to those who are being affected by its application.

2. What must we do to multiply truth?

Answer: To multiply truth, we must be able to teach others how to both understand and use it. The fastest way to learn is to teach.

Unless we do this, that truth remains only available to ourselves; therefore, we cannot expect to change our immediate environment, let alone a nation.

3. In order to build a Christian worldview (versus one based on "Pharaoh's system"), what must be done and how do we do it?

Answer: We must reorder our minds. We do this by knowing the origin and truths behind ideas before we buy them.

4. According to the author, what is the greatest calling for Christians with a biblical worldview?

Answer: To re-educate millions of people.

5. What do we need to do to apply our influence more effectively?

Answer: Be more consistent and more self-conscious

6. What three things do the "right people" need to be qualified?

Answer:

1. Honesty
2. Competency
3. The capacity to be trained

Quiz:

1. **Worldview is:**
 - a. **A set of presuppositions we hold about the basic makeup of our world**
 - b. Something only God can have
 - c. Something only politicians have
 - d. A set of ideas available only to the highly educated

2. **The fastest way to learn is:**
 - a. To study intensely for a time
 - b. To watch/observe others
 - c. **To teach**

3. **It is next to impossible to escape Pharaoh:**
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

4. **What is another word for a disciplined learner:**
 - a. **Disciple**
 - b. Christian
 - c. Zealot

5. **Which of the following is key to leveraging?**
 - a. Optimizing time management
 - b. Strategic Implementation
 - c. **Multiply (not just add) a desired change**

6. **How do all successful organizations build?**
 - a. **Strategically**
 - b. Independently
 - c. Incrementally

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Essentials"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ Why is worldview important?
- ➔ What does it look like to be a "disciplined learner?"
- ➔ What are some of the Scriptures that address the importance of retraining your mind?
- ➔ How have you applied and shared these truths in your own life this week?
- ➔ What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?

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A Call to True Radicals

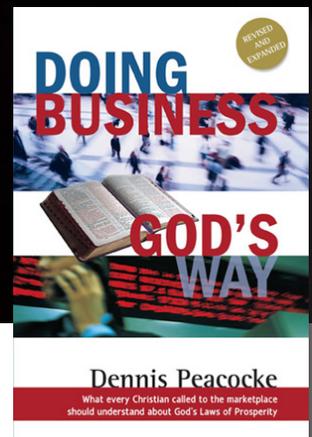
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MASTER PRINCIPLE #12:

Discover the root structures and build out from them.



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #12: Discover the root structures and build out from them.

Homework:

1. Prior to reading the text, how would you have defined “radical?”

Answer: A “radical” is often defined as someone who is far out in their beliefs.

Radicals deal with principles while politicians and the like deal with sentiments, opinions, polls, and achieving consensus. “Radical” is seen as a socially derogatory word due to our ignorance of the English language. The word comes from the Latin root, *radis*, which literally means, “root” or “root-issue.” True radicals lean much further back to the past and to their roots, for their passion is not the new and progressive but the old and the eternal. Radicals may be spectacularly innovative, but their innovation is found in applying root-structure truths in fresh ways to bring the future to pass. Radicals reaffirm stabilizing truths.

2. How was John the Baptist a radical?

Answer: John the Baptist was a radical because of his message. He called men and women to radical love and radical moral and ethical consistency.

God is looking for Christian men and women who will dare to be radical and live radically. If you really make an attempt to reaffirm stabilizing truths today, you will be seen as a wild-eyed radical.

3. Do you believe that Isaiah 61:4 has current day implications? If so, what are they?

4. What does it really take to produce and sustain economic prosperity and justice?

Answer: Because only the Bible reveals the truth about God, man, and economics, only Bible-believing and obeying Christians can produce and sustain economic prosperity and justice. To do it, we must re-educate generations of people raised up under the lies of secular economics, and we must model the economics of ALMIGHTY & SONS if we want others to follow.

5. What does a revival presuppose?

Answer: Internal change. To have a born-again world, we must have born-again men and women. I cannot bring change to what I cannot see clearly, and I cannot see clearly God's standards and Kingdom until I am born again. Without His Kingdom laws as a measuring rod, I have no objective tools to repair or cast down what the world system has built.

6. List the six laws for rebuilding a culture.

Answer:

1. **Personal initiative:** All true freedom begins in self-government under God.
2. **Healthy families:** The family unit is the basic building block of a healthy society.
3. **Effective churches:** The local church is the primary equipping center for effective Christian service.
4. **Private property:** The stewardship of private property is essential to personal and societal maturity.
5. **Problem solving:** Rebuilding a nation begins with rebuilding local communities.
6. **Strategic thinking:** Wars are won with ideas.

7. List some of the benefits of the government having less money to spend:

Answer: The state will no longer be able to shield people from the consequences of their sin. Families will be forced to care for their own because nobody else will be able to.

8. What concepts did you learn in this lesson and how do they apply specifically to your personal and/or business life?

Quiz:

1. The Latin definition of "radical" is:

- a. **The root or root issue**
- b. A fanatical response
- c. Someone committed to their cause no matter the consequence

2. The _____ is the basic building block to a healthy society:

- a. **family**
- b. individual
- c. education system
- d. law of the land

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DISCUSSION THEME: "Becoming Radical"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What does the word "radical" bring to mind?
- In what ways does God want us to become radical?
- Read Isaiah 61:4. What are the current-day implications of this verse?

*Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,
They will raise up the former devastations;
And they will repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.*

—Isaiah 61:4

- What fears do you have about becoming radical for God? What is the source of those fears?
- What impact could a small group of people truly committed to being radical in God have on your local community?
- What is your plan to sow into this radical vision of "Almighty & Sons?"

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The Mind Justifies What the Heart Has Chosen
(Excerpted from the GoLife100 course)

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THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON presuppositional thinking, the foundation of all worldview and philosophy.
THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE without an understanding of presuppositional thinking, it is impossible to have a well-thought-out worldview.

CASE STUDY:

You have the opportunity at your church to teach a lesson in a class for new believers. During the lesson, a student states he doesn't think God cares what we believe, as long as we love Him.

CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:

*What do you feel is at the root of a statement like this?
Why is what we believe important to God?*

MAKE YOUR CASE:

Did you explain that your heart determines what you believe as much as it determines what you love?

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Homework:

- 1. In your own words, explain what a presupposition is and give an example.**
- 2. What non-Christian group of people are you aware of who know what they believe at a presuppositional level and are very conscious of spreading their worldview?**

Sample Answer: The Pro-Choice movement has consciously spread its worldview by means of carefully gathering its data (after all, haven't they proved that life doesn't begin until after birth?), analyzing their findings in a biased manner (positive results only, please), and presenting only the information that doesn't contradict or prove detrimental to their agenda (no or little mention of long-term mental anguish for women who have had the procedure, medical complications, or any ethical considerations). Through the pretense of compassion disguised as "pro-womanhood" as its cause, Pro-Choicers conceal their true presupposition that human life has no godly value, especially if it causes inconvenience, stress, embarrassment, or financial hardship to another human being.
- 3. Why are people fearful of wrestling with issues at a presuppositional level?**
- 4. List the five building blocks of man's reality and next to each one, place a current event or issue which relates to it.**

Quiz:

1. **There is a difference between your brain and your mind.**
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

2. **People who worship reason and truth have their mind as the source of their agenda.**
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

3. **Your _____ determine(s) how you gather, analyze, present and use information.**
 - a. will
 - b. heart
 - c. **presuppositions**

4. **Your first private property is _____**
 - a. your savings
 - b. **your conscience**
 - c. home ownership

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ➔ **How is knowing why you believe something different from only knowing what you believe?**

To know why we believe something is to understand the basic assumptions that undergird our beliefs.

- ➔ **What do we call these basic assumptions about the nature of reality?**

Discuss and review presuppositions.

- ➔ **Why is it important to know the “why” of our and other’s beliefs?**

Our presuppositions reveal our heart choices.

- ➔ **Read John 3:19–21. What does “The mind justifies what the heart has chosen” mean?**

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” —John 3:19-21

- ➔ **How does the ability to identify your and other’s presuppositions prepare you to become a prophetic voice to the culture?**

We are equipped to examine our own hearts and minds to see that they are aligned with God’s Word. We are able to see into people’s lives by exposing their heart choices. We are equipped to identify root issues of societies’ problems.

- ➔ **How do our presuppositions color our beliefs? Refer to the four aspects identified on Page 26 of the Student Manual (outline section II. B.).**

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The Three “Root” Presuppositions: The Nature of God, Man, and Truth (Excerpted from the GoLife100 course)

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THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON why learning to think presuppositionally is such a powerful tool. Specifically, it will introduce the importance of our presuppositions about the nature of God, man, and truth.

THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE if we are going to become those who can actively and effectively work with the Holy Spirit to impact lives and situations, the ability to discern and address issues at a heart level is essential.

CASE STUDY:

You're talking with a friend who is struggling with the “tolerance and sensitivity training” in which she is required to participate at work. “I know that much of what they are teaching is really important, however, everything about the way they are presenting the material and why they are making such a big emphasis on this feels wrong to me.”

CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:

If you were to speculate, why do you think your friend feels uncomfortable with this training? What advice or perspective might you share regarding this situation?

MAKE YOUR CASE:

What “foundation” is the exaltation of tolerance built upon?

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Homework:

1. Why is our culture so at war with consequences?

Sample Answer: Our culture’s war with consequences stems from the fact that we want to be free from anything that would cause us to restrain our behavior. If science and technology can eliminate the consequences of irresponsible sexual conduct, then we can be free to do whatever we like, whenever we like, with whomever we like, and never have to face unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, public embarrassment, mental anguish, or unnecessary financial obligations.

2. Why do you suppose the majority of Christians have not been taught how to think presuppositionally?

3. In your own words, explain the difference between convincing and conviction.

4. Pick a current event or issue in the news and identify one of the important presuppositions that is involved.

Quiz:

1. **Most people are very aware of their presuppositions.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

2. **In our current culture, many of the most pressing issues relate to our presuppositions about the nature of man.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

3. _____ **show the values of differing worldviews.**
 - a. Social classes
 - b. Philosophies
 - c. Consequences**

4. _____ **takes place at the heart level.**
 - a. Discipline
 - b. Determination
 - c. Conviction**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Heart choices shape our view and significantly impact how we live. In what level of consciousness do most people operate, in terms of their presuppositions?
- How does a lack of presuppositional awareness limit our ability to impact the culture?
- A developed worldview and the ability to think presuppositionally buffer us from the prevailing ungodly ideas in the culture. What other purposes does the ability to think presuppositionally serve? How is it useful for evangelism?

Presuppositional thinking equips us to impact those around us and speak from a place of power and authority. By asking simple questions, we are able to get to the heart of an issue.

- Most assumptions spring out of 3 root presuppositions. Thinking in these terms helps us to discern a person’s heart choices. What are some questions you could ask to reveal someone’s heart in relation to one of these root presuppositions?
- Although the Holy Spirit is ultimately responsible for changing hearts, God desires to work through us. Read John 16:8-15. It is the role of the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to a person’s life which paves the way for genuine transformation.
- As Christians, we often fall into the trap of trying to *convince* people of the truth at an intellectual level, thus denying the work of the Holy Spirit. If we simply convince but there is no conviction, the opportunity for genuine transformation is passed over. Ultimately, in using the tool of presuppositional thinking, what are we hoping to achieve?

Our desire is to position people to receive revelation.

- Why is it important to reveal a person’s heart choices?
Because genuine transformation begins at the heart level.

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Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 1

Glorifying God in the War Between Two Seeds

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KEY CONCEPTS:

The recognition of seduction and the establishment of a godly, personal mission with ongoing alignment.

- 1. We are saved to serve God and glorify Him in His Kingdom both now and in eternity.*
- 2. When we "exodus" from Egypt, we begin the process of getting Egypt out of us, especially in the ways we think and reason.*
- 3. As we discover the power of paradigms and presuppositions, we come to understand the saying, "the mind justifies what the heart has chosen."*
- 4. In our struggle for renewal, we experience the reality of "the war between two seeds."*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

The definition of our mission and the need for constant alignment with godly principles and strategy.

- 1. Our business ministry must align itself by glorifying God now, not glorifying ourselves or withdrawing from the world. Staying in the "now" deals with our work habits.*
- 2. The world system's thinking will sabotage us by trapping us in its ways or by telling us that the marketplace means nothing to God.*
- 3. We must keep our hearts in God's hands so as to keep our lives free from self-deception. Either the pressures from our life struggles or the deceptions of false success can lead us to lose our focus on expanding God's Kingdom on earth.*

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Homework:

- 1. In terms of attitudes and actions, what are some of the differences between living to go to heaven and living to glorify God now in His Kingdom as it extends on Earth?**
- 2. What does “living in the now” mean, and how do you get there?**
- 3. How does “deprogramming” from the world system’s way of thinking make you more effective in the war between two seeds? (Genesis 3:15)**
- 4. What are the implications in this lifetime to the reality that you have already been “transferred into the Kingdom of God’s Son?” (Colossians 1:13)**
- 5. To what degree are you free from past hurts and future anxieties so that you can live and work in the now?**

6. To what degree are you committed to having your mind renewed so that you can impact others within your area of influence?

7. What impact do you see the concept of living and working “in the now” has on workplace productivity? How will you help yourself and others live and work in the now?

8. As a Christian, how do you see the ministry of the Holy Spirit as our primary teacher helping us move into biblical paradigms regarding the workplace and Christian economics?

9. What value do you see in on-site workplace reeducation of people in godly principles that affect growth and productivity? If you are in a position to promote such education, how will you do so and which principles will you emphasize?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #1:** _____ opens the door to living and building in God’s eternal Kingdom.
 - a. **Salvation**
 - b. Focusing on our Christ’s return
 - c. Suppressing our individual identity
 - d. Going into ministry full time

2. **True or False: Satan owns this world and the Church cannot change anything until Christ returns and gives it the power to do so.**
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

3. **Christianity has something to say about every aspect of the real world.**
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 2

Building on Divine Law

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: REVELATION

MASTER PRINCIPLE #2:

We must discover and build upon God's master principles of life and structure.

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KEY CONCEPTS:

Applying God's Word to all things is essential.

1. Both the spiritual and natural universe are built upon God's laws of divine order.
2. God's laws are explicitly revealed in His Word and implicitly revealed in His creation.
3. The whole Word of God, Old and New Testaments, deals with God's will for every aspect of man's personal and social life.
4. There are five basic building blocks making up mankind's worldview.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

Partnering with the Holy Spirit to apply the Scripture to your marketplace ministry.

1. Conventional business "wisdom" must align itself with God's Word or it is not wisdom and will lead to deception and failure.
2. We must look at the marketplace through spiritual eyes—not through natural eyes.
3. The whole of Scripture deals with the three foundations of business: a) strategic building, b) resource management, and c) problem-solving.
4. Our marketplace ministry is part of a larger social "ecosystem"; decisions require God-given wholistic thinking.

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Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 2

Building on Divine Law

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Homework:

- 1. Explain the distinction between the laws of God and the principles of God.**
- 2. How is it that believers can be free from the law yet still living under God's principles?**
- 3. What does it mean when we say that God is a "systematic builder?" What does that have to do with you?**
- 4. At this point in your life, with what major principles of God can you honestly say you have consciously determined to align your life?**
- 5. To what degree do you still struggle with antinomianism (a rejection of laws) in your own life?**

6. Give examples from your life and the lives of others where you have seen the laws of God operate to reveal rebellion or ignorance?

7. Why might it be unwise to hire a Christian who professes freedom from the laws and principles of God and who labels any who observe them as legalistic?

8. In your leadership and management at work, how systematic are the leadership principles you apply? Do others see the value of these principles? How do you know?

9. Consider some examples of how you might promote creativity in others without promoting independence that undercuts genuine teamwork?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #2: We must discover and build upon _____ of life and structure.**
 - a. our own understanding
 - b. only the New Testament's teachings**
 - c. God's master principles
 - d. peer-reviewed scientific study
 - e. our culture's predominant view

2. **Conventional business "wisdom" must align itself with God's Word, or it is not wisdom and will lead to deception and failure.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

3. **Our marketplace ministry is part of a larger social ecosystem, and decisions require God-given, wholistic thinking.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 3

Getting Free From Pharaoh's Propaganda Machines

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KEY CONCEPTS:

Seeing the necessity of deprogramming from the world system and building instead on God's laws of sowing and reaping.

1. "Pharaoh's" world system spends vast amounts of time and energy brainwashing us with its presuppositions and propaganda.
2. How we see things shapes all our relationships and what our lives and energy produce.
3. Westernization and modernization are based on combinations of Greco-Roman culture, Christianity, and the modern "left-right" game.
4. Historic, reformed Christianity is the foundation of the so-called "free market" and its engine of prosperity.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

Building your life and ministry on the positive laws of sowing and reaping; making wise investments.

1. Unless we can find biblical truth in the world's "wisdom," we should not apply it to our lives, families, businesses, or nations.
2. What we produce in our work externally reflects what we see internally and how we see it.
3. All human "wisdom" contains a mixture of selfishness, ignorance, and demonic design, and must be measured by Scripture and proven, biblical counselors.
4. All sound business and stewardship practices are grounded in God's Word, even if the world wants credit for them.

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Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 3

Getting Free From Pharaoh's Propaganda Machines

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Homework:

1. Is it an unfair accusation to suggest that our public school systems and universities “brainwash” students? Explain your answer.
2. What are some of the differences between people and cultures who believe in absolutes of moral conduct and thinking versus those who don't?
3. Explain what is meant by transformation working from “the inside-out?”
4. Each one of us has been influenced by the thinking of the culture. What will you do to have your mind renewed so that your thinking better reflects God's Kingdom values and standards?
5. Identify and write down three to four major assumptions about the nature of reality (presuppositions) in which you operate in life. An example of a presupposition would be to say that there are no absolute truths.

6. The gospel of the Kingdom calls each one of us to move from the “A-side” to the “B-side.” Take some time to consider your life and where you are in this process.

7. Why is it essential to work through a business plan before attempting to bring change to a department, person, or the entire company?

8. Identify two biblical principles (with Scripture references) that relate to business practices the world system claims as its own.

9. In sales and marketing, what is the difference between honest advertising and “propaganda?”

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #3:** _____ produce(s) economic consequences.
 - a. Secular investments
 - b. Poor work habits
 - c. Having any kind of debt
 - d. Ideas and actions**

2. **Secular truth is superior to religious truth because it is based on neutral facts.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

3. **Everyone has a worldview.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #3: Ideas and actions produce economic consequences

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Living and Working Strategically

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #4:

Work is a holy and everlasting calling in God.

KEY CONCEPTS:

Modeling what we are building after God and His ways of building.

1. God models for us what He expects us to do as we fellowship with Him in His strategic work and life.
2. God plays everyone who is in shape and plays them at the level they are prepared to play.
3. Strategic living requires serious levels of resource planning, personal discipline, and an active commitment to see God's Kingdom extended on earth.
4. Some work passes through death into eternity.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

The strategic development of learning-based and character-based organizations.

1. All organizations should develop a self-conscious climate that is biblical and sets the standard for all practice and behavior.
2. Training and advancement should be the goal for all members of our families, churches, businesses, and nations.
3. All of the elements of strategic planning and discipline must undergird our business/stewardship preparations and executions.
4. Building character and skills must be at the center of our business enterprise: Profit will be the "fruit."

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Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 4

Living and Working Strategically

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Homework:

1. What does it mean to say that God is the model for all conduct, morality, building principles, and building practices?
2. How does your salvation relate to the idea that “God plays everyone who is in shape at the level they are prepared to play?”
3. By memory, list the six strategic resources:
4. In what areas of your life is God working to “get you in shape” so you can play at a higher level?
5. What does it mean to say that we are called to do eternal work now? Give examples of investments you are making in your life that will pass through death.

6. Jesus says, “freely you have received, now freely give” (Matthew 10:8). With whom do you plan to share these truths?

7. How does the structure of your organization reflect the way God builds through the Trinity?

8. In your workplace, are people promoted more based on their proven character or based on politics and talent?

9. Identify three things in your life and/or work that you will change to align with the biblical principles discussed in the first four lessons.

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #4: Work is a _____ calling in God.**
 - a. **holy and everlasting**
 - b. holy but temporary
 - c. unholy and temporary
 - d. unholy but everlasting

2. **While our tears and our sin will be wiped away in heaven, there are things that we invest in now that will pass into the next age.**
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

3. **Christianity is all about God’s love for us and our enjoyment of life in Christ, so it is OK to forsake the law and spiritual disciplines as this is simply legalism.**
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #4: Work is a holy and everlasting calling in God.

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The Power of Obedient Faith

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: REVELATION

MASTER PRINCIPLE #5:

The possibility of failure is essential to human growth.



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KEY CONCEPTS:

How to apply biblical faith in our decision making and how to be a witness at work.

1. In God, obedience and trust—not “reason”—are the currency of success.
2. From the human perspective, faith is a form of risk which builds our discernment and trust in God.
3. If our ministry is in the marketplace, then our faith must be fully expressed there.
4. Experiencing failure ourselves, and sometimes letting others fail, is a two-edged sword which contributes to our maturity.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

Practicing biblical decision-making in matters of faith, evangelism, and employment practices.

1. In life and in business, “reason” must be defined as adhering to biblical principles in our decision-making process.
2. Managing risk is about eliminating false assumptions, presumption on God, unbiblical partnerships, and the demand that results look exactly like we think they should.
3. We must live in our witness at work, displaying our humanity, humility, fearlessness of conviction, love, and honoring of God.
4. We must have the courage to accept being hired, promoted, or demoted based on what God is doing to clarify and develop our calling, skills, and character.

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The Power of Obedient Faith

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Homework:

- 1. How is biblical faith related to human reasoning, knowing that reason is an attribute and gift from God?**
- 2. In your own words, explain why the possibility of failure is essential to human growth.**
- 3. Explain the relationship between faith and risk.**
- 4. Give some examples as to how your biblical faith is reflected in your work:**
- 5. Consider the degree to which your decision-making process is impacted by conventional wisdom rather than spiritual truth.**

6. Why can the exercising of human compassion, in fact, be cruelty? Give examples.

7. In what ways does God reward faith in the marketplace? Give 2-3 examples.

8. How do you see a self-conscious discipling-apprenticing process impacting the productivity of employees where you work?

9. In whom are you investing energy systematically and self-consciously where you work? Who is investing in you and in what specific ways?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #5: The possibility of _____ is essential to human growth.**
 - a. success
 - b. failure**
 - c. self-examination
 - d. logical reasoning

2. **Failure is essential for human growth and we must have the courage to accept being hired, promoted, or demoted based upon what God is doing to clarify and develop our calling, skills, and character.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

3. **Faith is more about believing in Christ and the Bible than doing things in the real world, let alone in the marketplace.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

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The Power of Obedient Faith

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #5: The possibility of failure is essential to human growth.

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Lesson 20

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 6

Mediating Grace

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: LIVING AND BUILDING RELATIONALLY



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #6:

We grow in God by caring for people and things.

KEY CONCEPTS:

Mutual need not only matures us, it is the essence of true community.

1. All life is grounded in Christ; He is our mediator between us and God the Father.
2. Mediating grace is the genius of God and the “glue” of human community.
3. Mediating grace opens up for us the reality of the “triangle of life.”
4. As we see God’s love mediated to us through others, it connects us to Him in new and deeper ways.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

The heart of any organization is the relational climate among team members.

1. All organizational relationships need a point of accountability to help mediate relational issues.
2. Every functioning member of a team contributes vitally to its success.
3. Our most important witness at the workplace is keeping Christ at the center of all our relationships.
4. Organizational leaders and managers are responsible for the heart of the organization which is the relational climate of the enterprise.

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Homework:

1. What does it mean when you say that Christ alone mediates salvation, but God can also mediate other ministering gifts through people?
2. Why is mutual need the “glue” of community and family?
3. Explain the “triangle of life” in your own words.
4. How conscious are you of God mediating His grace to your family through you?
5. How aware are you of the degree to which God uses others to speak to you? How might you express your appreciation to these people?

6. Are you willing to pay the price to be used by God to mediate His grace to others? What investments might you make to better position yourself to be used by God in this way?

7. Consider and list three to four examples of growth in your life that are a result of “caring for people and things.”

8. How do you see the principle of mutual need operating in your workplace creating an atmosphere of mutual gratitude and support among staff? How can you promote such an environment?

9. In what ways is conflict resolution in your workplace a reflection of the principles articulated in Matthew 18:15-17? If they are not, consider how these principles might impact the way you resolve conflict in your company.

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #6: We grow in God by _____.**
 - a. shielding ourselves from criticism
 - b. strict adherence to biblical law and routine confession of sins
 - c. always making group decisions
 - d. caring for people and things**

2. **Human community is wonderful, but we really only need Jesus Christ.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

3. **While work relationships may produce external benefits and a certain sense of personal value, the goal of these relationships must not be self-serving.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #6: We grow in God by caring for people and things.

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Lesson 21

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 7

Jurisdictions, Authority, and Proprietorship:

Understanding the Nature of a Winning Team

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RELATIONALLY



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MASTER PRINCIPLE #7:

Functioning biblical government is essential for lasting productivity.

KEY CONCEPTS:

God models His Kingdom government structures for all mankind in every cultural and historical context.

- 1. Within the Trinity (our building pattern), God models a functioning team of co-equals who execute their goals through division of labor.*
- 2. Godly government produces empowerment, proprietorship, and prosperity, whereas ungodly government produces frustration, disengagement, and poverty.*
- 3. The five functioning spheres of government must be biblically interrelated for God's Kingdom to manifest properly.*
- 4. The Church universal is operating wherever believers are manifesting their ministries in faith, whereas the local church is a specific place of belonging and equipping.*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

A sound organizational structure balances executive authority with group ownership and promotes this model in all spheres for its members.

- 1. A healthy authority/management model balances executive authority with group participation and a division of labor.*
- 2. In the long run, organizational health and profit are the inevitable result of good government.*
- 3. A healthy business organization emphasizes health in all five spheres of government for all members.*
- 4. Believers are to give themselves to the "assembling together of the saints" and their ministry in the marketplace as their calling requires.*

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Jurisdictions, Authority, and Proprietorship:
Understanding the Nature of a Winning Team

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Homework:

- 1. Explain how both co-equality and submission are practiced simultaneously within the Trinity.**
- 2. From memory, list and describe the five jurisdictions of human government that were discussed in this lesson.**
- 3. Explain the difference between the local church and the Church Universal.**
- 4. How does government work in your own family? What is the division of labor in the home and with the children?**
- 5. Explain how the Trinity is our “model in all things” as followers of Christ.**

6. What are the three major sources of governmental energy?

7. How is productivity and profit directly linked to the quality of government in the organization?

8. In what ways should the principles of co-equality and division of labor impact the determination of employees' salaries or wages?

9. Give some examples of how tyranny in the workplace (people assuming responsibility outside of their sphere) impacts the growth and development of workers in your company and the work environment.

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #7: _____ is essential for lasting productivity.**
 - a. Fear of punishment
 - b. Functioning biblical government**
 - c. Cultural compliance
 - d. Financial incentive

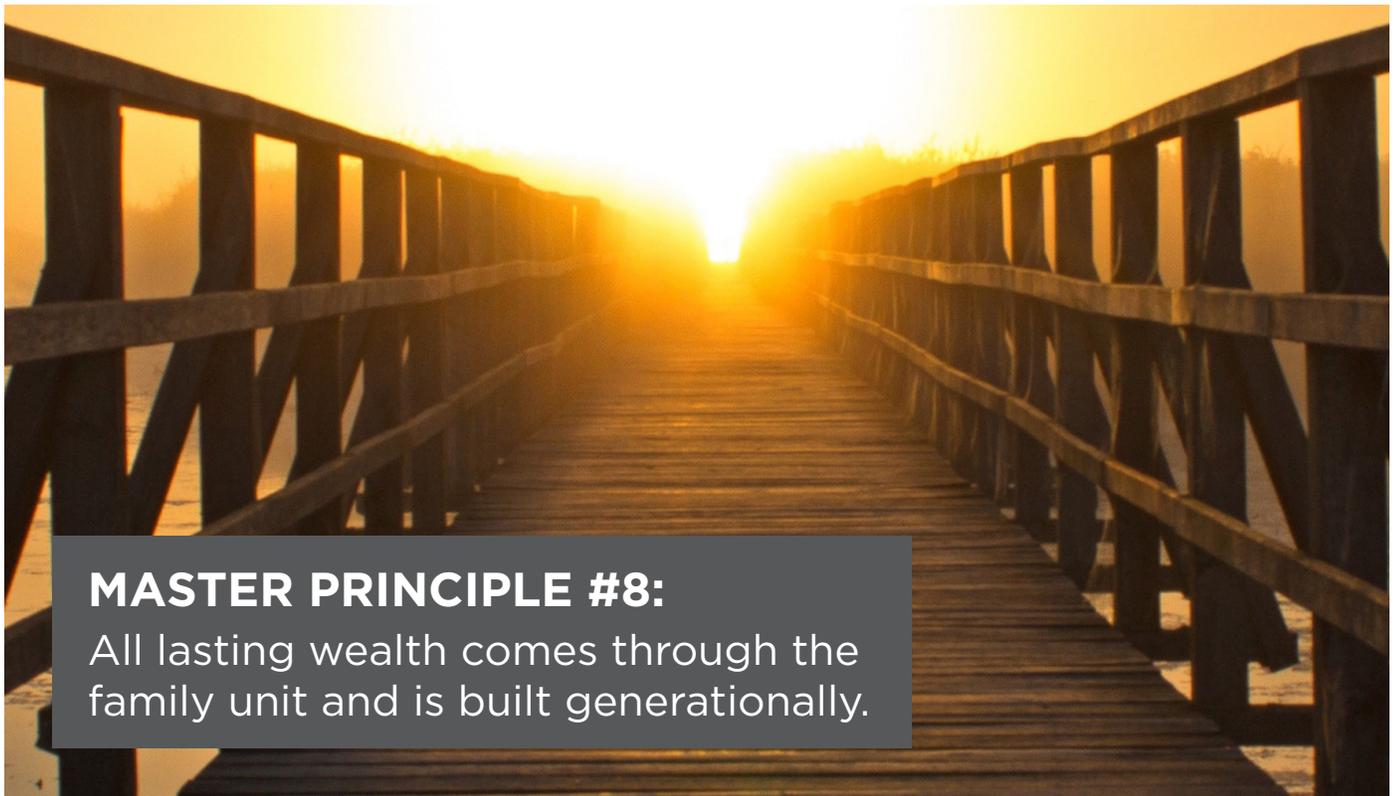
2. **In the long run, organizational health and profit are the inevitable result of good government.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

3. **A healthy authority/management model balances executive authority with group participation and a division of labor.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 8

How Big Is Your Vision?

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #8:

All lasting wealth comes through the family unit and is built generationally.

KEY CONCEPTS:

How to build multi-generational organizations which are faithful to the intent of their design and fathers.

- 1. The size of our vision is related to the race we are running: is it a solo race or a relay race?*
- 2. Generational transfer requires the building of a mentoring/disciplining climate within the organization.*
- 3. The DNA of any organization determines what it can be even with progressive grafting.*
- 4. The family unit is the biblical foundation of lasting wealth structures with godly character as its ongoing legacy.*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

The heritage and vision of an organization create a climate of excellence, honor, and stability through a spirit of fatherhood.

- 1. A God-birther organization usually requires multiple generations of leaders to fulfill the vision of its fathers.*
- 2. Disciplining-mentoring is the leverage point that transmits excellence and vision throughout a company and across time.*
- 3. God-birther creations adapt and progress but they do not evolve into something totally different (new divisions; vertical integration).*
- 4. Strong family units are the backbone of any successful organization.*

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How Big Is Your Vision?

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Homework:

1. How is generational transfer critical to your family fulfilling God's purposes and desires for it?
2. How is mentoring important for the effective transfer of knowledge, wisdom, and character from you to your children?
3. Why is the family unit the foundation of generating lasting wealth?
4. To what degree does the way you relate to your spouse and children facilitate generational transfer?
5. What clear examples of generational transfer can you identify in your family history?

6. Make a list of both the “riches” and the “wealth” you are accumulating for your children. Are you satisfied with this list?

7. In what ways is your company practicing generational transfer? What can be done to strengthen this practice and make it more strategic?

8. What business stewardship skills that you apply at work can be applied to the training of your family?

9. Taking a moment for examination, are you operating in alignment with the “DNA” of your organization?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #8: All lasting wealth comes through _____ and is built _____.**
 - a. the ability to change in a fast-paced market; on the principle of adaptability
 - b. individual performance; by perseverance and hard work
 - c. dependable investments; on solid financial advice
 - d. capitalism’s success; on the corporate model
 - e. the family unit; generationally**

2. **Every new leadership team must be free to build with a new vision.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

3. **A God-birther organization usually requires multiple generations of leaders to fulfill the vision of its fathers.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 9

God Loans, Transfers, and Takes Away

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: STEWARDSHIP SKILLS



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KEY CONCEPTS:

Properly caring for God's people and things is at the center of God's heart for His children.

1. Private property is a concept established and modeled by God.
2. Since God created and owns all things, private property is actually a stewardship trust by man of God's things.
3. We grow by caring for people and things; the stewardship of private property is essential to cultural maturity.
4. What God gives us, no man can take away; what we take for ourselves we cannot keep.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

The ethics of the private sector substantially determine both the maturity and longevity of the surrounding culture.

1. Personal investment and a sense of personal responsibility are the spiritual origin of what we call "profit" (economic theory; profit-sharing; socialism proprietors).
2. The management of "private property" is ultimately a trust not a right (eminent domain theory; fiduciary theory; corporate law).
3. Stewardship skills are the engine of economic growth (capitalism; business training; promotion theory).
4. Material gain through greed instead of service, empowerment, and stewardship skills corrupts the culture (business ethics; taxation theory; private sector theory, marketing-advertising).

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God Loans, Transfers, and Takes Away

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Homework:

- 1. In what way does God Himself legitimize the concept and practice of private property?**
- 2. What is the difference between ownership and a “trust?” What spiritual attitudes follow this distinction, and why are they important?**
- 3. Why is the stewardship of private property essential to human growth?**
- 4. To what degree is the principle of stewardship practiced in your life and encouraged in your family?**
- 5. Revise and personalize the “three supreme questions for those desiring to grow in stewardship skills” found in this lesson, being sure to examine where you are in the family/business. What is one thing in each of these areas that will encourage growth in your life toward godly stewardship?**

6. Give examples of things God has given you that you are sure you haven't taken for yourself or "earned?"

7. Identify and give examples as to how "social justice" is being practiced where you work? What is the fruit?

8. Consider ways that the "powerful" might enable the "less powerful" in the marketplace.

9. What are some of the impacts on a nation when its people are committed to "political correctness" and the "equality of all cultures" at the expense of biblical truth? What might believers do to mitigate this problem?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #9: God _____**
"private property."
 - a. **is the Author and Creator of all**
 - b. is critical of man's desire for ownership of
 - c. teaches us in the Bible that we should all have an equal share of ownership in
 - d. is unconcerned with our stewardship of

2. **All private property is ultimately theft from common humanity by the culturally dominant.**
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

3. **All that we own is a gift from God to be stewarded according to His principles and truth.**
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

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Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 9

God Loans, Transfers, and Takes Away

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

MASTER PRINCIPLE #9: God is the Author and Creator of all private property.

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Lesson 24

Worldview for the Marketplace: Audio 10

Where Is the Value?

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: STEWARDSHIP SKILLS



MASTER PRINCIPLE #10:
Service is the foundation of every successful ministry.

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KEY CONCEPTS:

What God values for people is what Christians in the marketplace should excel in providing for them.

1. *Whoever truly serves, leads.*
2. *Believers are to value and promote what God values and promotes, not what mammon values and promotes.*
3. *“Success” is related to our service to God; if we truly serve Him, He releases fruitfulness to our assigned tasks and destiny.*
4. *Successful people and organizations live in the question, “Where is the value in what we are doing?”*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

Christian business ethics are grounded in service and in values aligned with God’s ethics that flow both internally and externally.

1. *Internal service to employees and investors, and external service to customers and business partners, determines the true value of the company (stock evaluations, etc.).*
2. *The true service and value of any enterprise is the degree to which its products and services embody God’s purposes for people (product and service ethics and quality).*
3. *“Success” is blessing with our actions what God wants our customers to receive from us (compensation and pricing levels, etc.).*
4. *Value theory and pricing requires us to be clear and stay clear on exactly what our goods and services are providing and what ethically serves the customers.*

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Where Is the Value?

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

Homework:

1. Why does genuine service lead to greater responsibility?
2. Define “biblical success.” What does this look like for your family?
3. Why is it important that we all live in the question, “What is the true value in this activity or service?”
4. How are you biblically serving your family, church, work, and nation?
5. How much of a hold does economic lifestyle (mammon) have on you, your spouse, your children, and your friends? What can you do about it?

6. Spend time with God asking Him the question, “What was in Your mind when You created me?”

7. How effective have you and the company in which you work been at honoring and promoting God’s values and services for people? In the areas where your company does not promote God’s values, what can be done?

8. Study the Scriptures and make a list of the operating principles of godly leadership that you find (for example, following the Golden Rule in Matthew 7:12). Consider and write down how these principles should impact the daily operation of your business.

9. Consider the potential impact on your company if it began operating with a motivation toward true service.

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #10: _____ is the foundation of every successful ministry.**
 - a. Strong leadership
 - b. Service**
 - c. Attainment of consistent financial support
 - d. Drawing a large audience

2. **Value theory and pricing require us to be clear, and stay clear, on exactly what our goods and services are, and that they serve our customers ethically.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

3. **Success is measured by achieved personal goals and the attainment of the means to do as we desire.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

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Where Is the Value?

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

MASTER PRINCIPLE #10: Service is the foundation of every successful ministry.

Facilitator Meeting Guide

MEETING PREP: Review students' homework; make note of points to discuss during the meeting.

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- ➔ What new concepts were taught?

- ➔ What new insights did the Holy Spirit show you?

- ➔ How will I live differently tomorrow because of this insight?

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The Economics of Obedience and Boundaries

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE | THREEFOLD CORD: STEWARDSHIP SKILLS

MASTER PRINCIPLE #11:
God pays for what He orders.



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KEY CONCEPTS:

While God expects us to bring increase, we cannot do so in our own will or presumption.

- 1. While God is infinite, He has set limits and boundaries for man to discover and respect.*
- 2. Faith functions when we see our general task and ministry in God and then begin to “fill in the space” (dominion).*
- 3. Our faith is forged by learning to do our assignments God’s way, in God’s timing, through obstacles, limitations, and adaptations.*
- 4. Faith is a “team sport” beginning with God and you, then extending from you to those whom you are assigned/jointed.*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

God honors growth that is done His way, in His timing, and facilitated by His will.

- 1. Sound business practices demand that we stay within our resource base relationally, financially, technically, and executionally.*
- 2. “Faith,” relative to growth and risk, is tied to obedience, patience, and seeing God’s provision as the key to timing.*
- 3. Trials, in some form, always accompany obedience-based growth; the issue is, what are the lessons in the trials?*
- 4. Expansion and growth nearly always require consensus from key leaders that is real, not performance-based.”*

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The Economics of Obedience and Boundaries

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Homework:

1. Why should boundaries be important to us?
2. Explain the concept of biblical dominion. How is this concept different from domination or exploitation?
3. Explain in your own words what makes faith a “team-sport?”
4. What are some of the boundaries that you recognize in your life and in your family that are intended to help you fulfill God’s purposes for your lives?
5. What are three examples of presumptuous sins that you can identify in your life? What have been the consequences?

1. **What have you learned from the mistakes of presumptuous sin in your life?**

2. **Give some example in your work where faith is operating as a “team sport?” What can be done to strengthen this value?**

3. **What provision is being made in your place of work to help employees understand that trials and problems are opportunities for growth and greater responsibility?**

4. **What presumptuous mistakes at work have led to positive results once a process of repentance, evaluation, and re-direction has taken place?**

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #11: God pays for _____.**
 - a. that which we are equipped to accomplish
 - b. any plan that benefits those in need
 - c. all dreams if we believe in them strongly enough
 - d. what He orders**

2. **Success and personal security come through doing it my way.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

3. **Faith, relative to growth and risk, is tied to obedience, patience, and seeing God’s provision as the key to timing.**
 - a. True**
 - b. False

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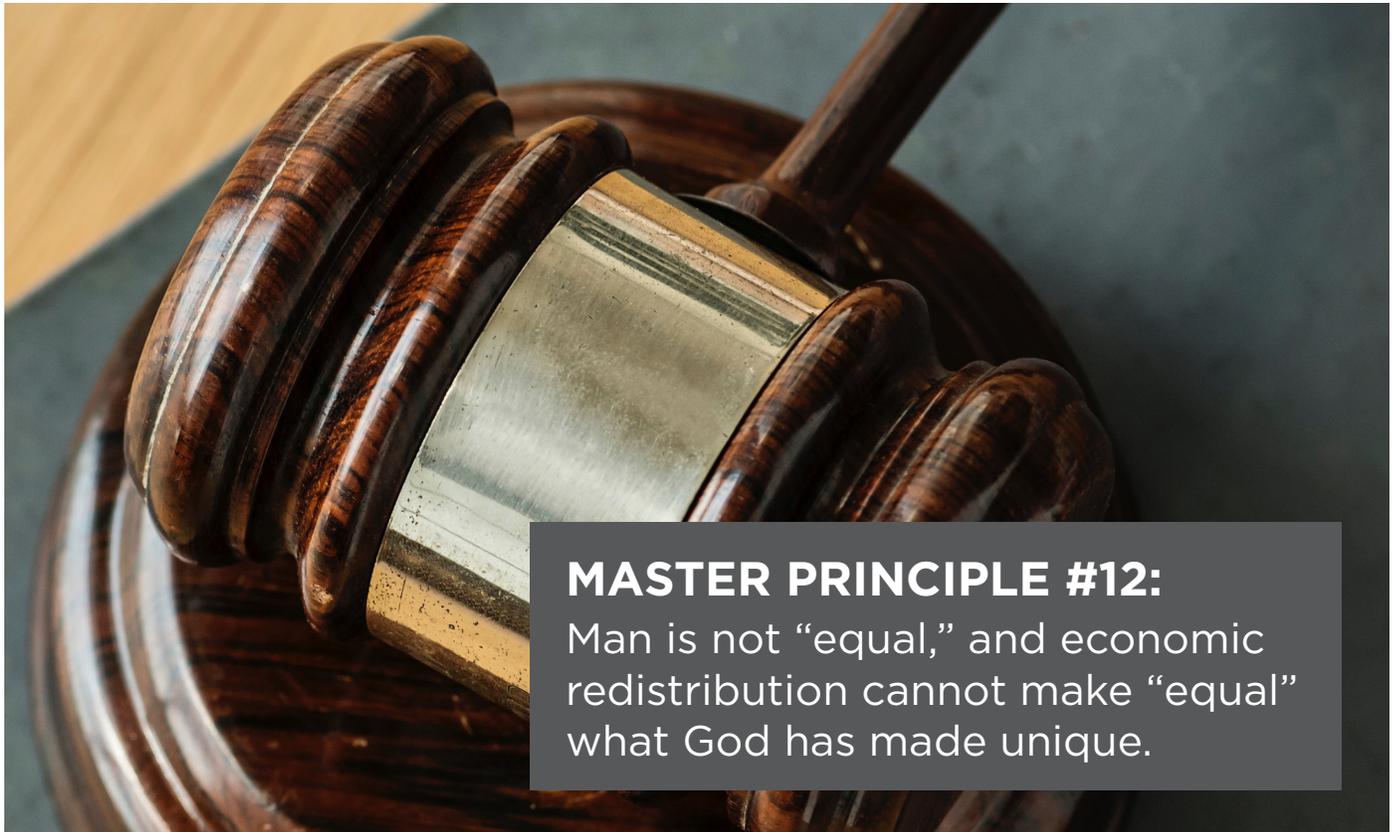
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The Beauty of Justice

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MASTER PRINCIPLE #12:

Man is not “equal,” and economic redistribution cannot make “equal” what God has made unique.

KEY CONCEPTS:

Kingdom theology demands that believers function in justice and righteousness both personally and socially.

- 1. Christians are expected by God to become righteous and just, and to extend righteousness and justice to all they touch both personally and socially.*
- 2. God has created all people uniquely, yet He has set His standards that apply to all mankind.*
- 3. Biblically, charity and investing in people are two distinctly different assignments.*
- 4. Biblical economics forces individuals, companies, and nations to wrestle with the question, “How much is enough?”*

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY APPLICATION:

As individuals and organizations we must practice fulfilling the financial base required to fulfill our ministry and wisely release the overflow.

- 1. God expects organizational justice and righteousness internally and externally.*
- 2. Being unique or in a “special business or situation” does not place us above God’s laws or man’s laws.*
- 3. Businesses need to practice investing in people and extending charity to people in godly ways.*
- 4. An individual or an organization should only retain “enough” capital to fulfill its God-ordained mission.*

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The Beauty of Justice

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Homework:

- 1. In what ways are men and women not created “equal?”**
- 2. In your own words, discuss the concept of biblical justice.**
- 3. Discuss the differences between charity and investment.**
- 4. To what degree do you and your family understand the distinctions of equality discussed in the previous questions? Consider taking time to discuss these issues with your family.**
- 5. How is your local church working to extend righteousness and justice out into the community? How can you help?**

6. Has your family decided “how much is enough” (closed its circle)?

7. How can you promote a debate/discussion in your community regarding the basic biblical issues of economics so as to help break the stranglehold of current ignorance and confusion?

8. What is your company doing with its profits beyond the usual (serving investors and debt; replacing equipment; expanding services; upgrading salaries)? Why is this question important?

9. How is your company working to extend righteousness and justice within itself and out into the marketplace? How can you help in this process?

Quiz:

1. **Worldview for the Marketplace - Master Principle #12: Man is not “equal,” and economic redistribution cannot make “equal” what God has made _____.**
 - a. unequal
 - b. unique**
 - c. unworthy
 - d. similar

2. **Uniqueness and skilled effort qualifies individuals for special treatment on the basis of social injustice.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**

3. **Unless we support the poor in their lifestyle, we have no heart, let alone right, to have more.**
 - a. True
 - b. False**



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GoBusiness200 Entry/Exit Exam - Answer Key

1. In social transformation, the most important foundation is the individual.
a. True
b. False
2. Biblically speaking, the standards for leadership in church jurisdiction should be unique.
a. True
b. False
3. Family money management as a concept is not directly related to building a strong national economy.
a. True
b. False
4. "Priests" minister in the church and "kings" in the marketplace.
a. True
b. False
5. Our "kingly" ministry is about our role in the political realm.
a. True
b. False
6. Bringing transformation to an organization is different than bringing transformation to an individual.
a. True
b. False
7. Biblical economics is largely about obedience to the principles of God's word.
a. True
b. False
8. "Scarcity" is always the result of insufficient financial resources or planning.
a. True
b. False
9. In dealing with mammon's influence over our finances, the most important question is, "Where do I best spend and budget money?"
a. True
b. False
10. The principles of building successful businesses have little to do with building other organizational models.
a. True
b. False
11. The Old Testament laws have little or nothing to do with building organizations biblically.
a. True
b. False
12. Studying the "patterns" leading to financial success deals primarily with market-based stocks, bonds, and financial institutions.
a. True
b. False

13. The search for unified reality deals largely with wholism vs. dualism.
 - a. True
 - b. False
14. How we build our business doesn't relate to how we build our family or church because the issues are so different.
 - a. True
 - b. False
15. God's focus on the role of believers in the marketplace is primarily due to the need for resources to expand church missions.
 - a. True
 - b. False
16. Working for someone is more satisfying than working with them.
 - a. True
 - b. False
17. A compartmentalized life demonstrates mature strategic planning.
 - a. True
 - b. False
18. God answers "business prayers" automatically when we tithe on the profits to the church and missionary work.
 - a. True
 - b. False
19. The "Bridge of Trust" helps us discern the size of financial "deals" between people which are appropriate.
 - a. True
 - b. False
20. Being a Christian largely eliminates any of our personal self-deceptions.
 - a. True
 - b. False
21. "Upside investments" are always obvious.
 - a. True
 - b. False
22. "Spiritual warfare" doesn't include the marketplace, such as the enemy attacking a strategic organization that is obeying God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
23. Obedience to God is a critical source of protection in the business world.
 - a. True
 - b. False
24. There are demonic beings that show up in organizations called "powers."
 - a. True
 - b. False
25. Praying in faith for our marketplace ministry begins with identifying our calling from God.
 - a. True
 - b. False

26. If our spouses have a separate career, their input will be of limited use regarding our calling due to a lack of information.
- a. True
 - b. False
27. "Biblical ethics" requires that we do not fire people who are in financial need.
- a. True
 - b. False
28. "Ethics" ultimately is about loving people.
- a. True
 - b. False
29. The primary reason for business failure is due to poor sales and cash flow problems.
- a. True
 - b. False
30. "Reactive" vs. "reflective" choices deal with managing our receivables and not our ethics or personal emotions.
- a. True
 - b. False
31. Business "DNA" deals primarily with discovering the purposes of God for the organization.
- a. True
 - b. False
32. A business's "DNA" is a major factor in analyzing potential new growth, i.e. new products, mergers, and employee policies.
- a. True
 - b. False
33. Our personal, "internal objections" have little to do with productivity.
- a. True
 - b. False
34. "Systematic change" is about production innovation.
- a. True
 - b. False
35. "Disillusionment" should be carefully embraced as a gift from God.
- a. True
 - b. False
36. Rules, agreements, and commitments form the backbone of any organization.
- a. True
 - b. False
37. The "rules of the game" also determine the kind of people we attract as employees and customers.
- a. True
 - b. False
38. Unified problem-solving in an organization is a huge factor in both company morale and profitability.
- a. True
 - b. False

39. “Dominion theology” as a theological concept, does not apply to Kingdom business practices.
- a. True
 - b. False
40. In order to build powerful companies, it is necessary for the participants involved to have powerful agreements in place.
- a. True
 - b. False
41. Changing what surrounds me begins with changing me.
- a. True
 - b. False
42. Good systems always solve more problems than good company morale.
- a. True
 - b. False
43. The basic sequence of wise problem-solving deals with the relational, conceptual, and executional nature of the problem.
- a. True
 - b. False
44. Focusing on principles more than personalities or engagements is the key to successful problem-solving.
- a. True
 - b. False
45. Regardless of the personalities involved, most problems can be resolved if agreements and authority lines have been made clear.
- a. True
 - b. False
46. Technology is reducing our need for relational skill-sets.
- a. True
 - b. False
47. Good leaders make up for the shortcomings of mediocre managers.
- a. True
 - b. False
48. “Building on sons” is a good idea for Christians, but not possible in secular business situations.
- a. True
 - b. False
49. We can delegate authority, but responsibility may still rest with the delegator.
- a. True
 - b. False
50. Unclear or unconfirmed strategic goals create discipline problems.
- a. True
 - b. False
51. Productivity-based rewards necessarily create “politics” in an organization.
- a. True
 - b. False

52. Biblical discipleship goes beyond the salvation experience and deals with the fundamental worldview differences between the saved and unsaved.
- a. True
 - b. False
53. The concept of epistemology, when understood, relates to our love for people.
- a. True
 - b. False
54. Frequently we must place “safety rails” around people’s behavior in order to train them to create new habits in the work place.
- a. True
 - b. False
55. “Discipleship” can take place between Christians and the unsaved at work.
- a. True
 - b. False
56. The Trinity is a theological issue, not an issue affecting business structures.
- a. True
 - b. False
57. The “conscious-unconscious” competency model is about the steps of transformation and has four stages.
- a. True
 - b. False
58. Successful mentoring is the key to effective human resource programs.
- a. True
 - b. False
59. A learning-based organization where departments or whole organizations can “remake themselves” is essential to market-based reconfiguration.
- a. True
 - b. False
60. The difference between “teaching” and “training” is just an issue of word choice.
- a. True
 - b. False
61. Training requires demonstrating while teaching requires the clarifying of concepts.
- a. True
 - b. False
62. “Catechizing” is purely a religious concept and, therefore, does not apply to the marketplace.
- a. True
 - b. False
63. Practice makes perfect and successful companies know this.
- a. True
 - b. False
64. Requiring people at work to memorize concepts or word meanings is demeaning and should not be practiced.
- a. True
 - b. False

65. Our speech often “pushes buttons” we don’t want to deal with.
- True
 - False
66. Successful company leadership balances goals and objectives with new challenges and systemic reactions to change.
- True
 - False
67. “Good To Great” is best described as a book about:
- Answers 2, 3, and 4
 - All of the above
 - Applying the best business practices to successful companies
 - Biblical principles of leadership in a secular context
 - How leaders built very successful companies
 - God proving that His principles work even if the people using them may be unaware of their origin
68. The concept of “separated powers” is best described as:
- A political concept, but worth considering in running a large business
 - Spelled out in the Declaration of Independence and has genuine relevance in establishing a national budget
 - Properly used as an excuse to keep the church operating dualistically in the culture
 - Originated in the godhead, but applicable in every excellent organization
69. “Internal integrity leads to external integration” primarily deals with:
- The agreement-alignment principle
 - When we should consider acquisitions or vertical integration
 - The natural law of smaller units seeking healthy relationships with larger units
 - Economic foreign policies and currency exchanges
70. “Power is guarded by problems” means:
- All of the above
 - Our problems promote us or hinder us
 - Premature promotion is dangerous
 - Promote problem-solvers more than long-tenured workers
 - As a hiring criteria, a person’s “potential” is less helpful than their being able to stick with a problem until it’s finished
71. “Transformation” is a concept which applies to:
- All of the above
 - Individuals
 - Churches
 - Businesses
 - Nations
72. “Profit” or “return on investment” is strategically related to:
- Income exceeding expense
 - Correct timing of the marketing cycle
 - Strategic planning, a company’s DNA, agreement-alignment, and learning-based organizational skills
 - The competency skills of the employees

73. The School of Business Leadership is about “leading people and building organizations God’s way” because:
- a. **These are the two most important, basic ingredients of all successful organizations**
 - b. It focuses us on a Christian approach to the marketplace
 - c. It demonstrates our superiority to secular business educational programs
74. The following concepts are clearly related to successful marketing:
- a. Values, DNA, evangelists, and relational building
 - b. Language skills, pricing policies, and market share
 - c. Skilled marketers and ample budgets
 - d. **All of the above**
75. “Good leaders produce proprietors” deals with the concepts of:
- a. **All of the above**
 - b. Christ’s relationship with us
 - c. Profit is generated primarily generated by owners, not employees
 - d. Profit sharing and stock options
 - e. The way pastors should lead
76. Relational loyalty to an organization is a concept developed by focusing on:
- a. **A 360-degree view of the whole business**
 - b. Customers and market share
 - c. Employee work ethics and honesty
 - d. The way employees should relate to their fellow workers