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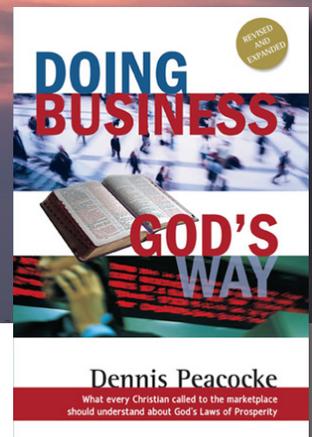
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### *Homework:*

1. What does the “modern liberal state” encourage?
2. Why don't people want a feedback system such as the Bible?
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.
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.**  
*Sample Answer: 1) Authority must be increasingly centralized in the state.*  
*Examples: schools; federal hate crime laws.*
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?**
- Because He wanted us to know what it was like to live without Him
  - To find out who really loves Him
  - Because without allowing us to exercise free will and make choices, we would never mature
2. **Shielding someone from failure produces:**
- Dependence on that person instead of God
  - More self-confidence for them
  - Allows them to mature faster
3. **The possibility of failure and pain:**
- Is to be avoided as much as possible
  - Is essential for human growth
  - Is the result of sin

