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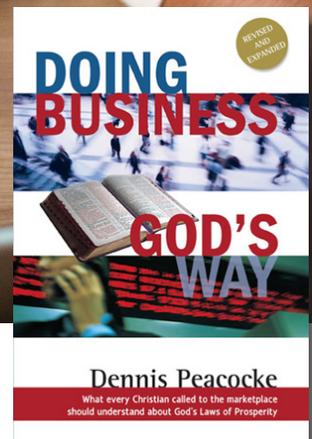
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### *Homework:*

1. List seven characteristics that directly affect the financial strength of individuals:
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?
4. What are three modern examples of man blaming the environment for poverty?
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?
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.

## 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

