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# 10 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ON ECONOMICS

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# LOVE:

**GOD IS COMMUNITY IN UNITY. GOD IS LOVE.**

## In Love:

- We reflect Him as we act justly in financial areas.
- We develop co-operative economics.
- Holy Spirit moves freely and immediate economic change happens.



## Out of Love:

- Economics exploits
- Dehumanizing takes place
- A void of morality is evident
- A greater distance is created between the rich and the poor

# 1<sup>st</sup> Principle



- God sent his son to die for us to free us from sin.
- Jesus heals-give sight to the blind and the lame walk; he makes them whole.
- Jesus came to set the captives free.

## WORTH: HUMAN DIGNITY.

“So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself...” Gen 1:27



- *Our worth and authority come from God.*
- *Where do you get your worth? From God or from what you’ve done?*
- *Are we bringing healing and worth to the people around us?*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Principle



# CREATIVITY:

## GOD THE CREATOR.

“In the beginning God created...” Gen 1:1



- God created an un-ending creative and productive system.
- He creates development- “In the beginning...”
- He creates everything we see and tells us to be stewards of it all.
- **What role does the Holy Spirit play in birthing creativity in us?**
- **Are you being creative in your job, church, or community?**
- **What human creations are adding value to humanity? What is not adding value to humanity?**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle

# PRODUCTIVITY:

**HE CREATED AND ALL HE CREATED WAS GOOD.**



“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” Mark 4:8

- God creates man and women so both can work together in union.
- Teamwork is essential for proper productivity. All work together for the same goal...like ANTS.
- What we create has to bring GOOD into the world for all to benefit.



- Are we creating systems that are sustainable and productive for humanity?
- Is our productivity adding value to our job, family, community, city, etc...
- Is our productivity giving GOOD fruit?



## 4<sup>th</sup> Principle

# COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS:

“LET US” MAKE... (GEN. 1:26)

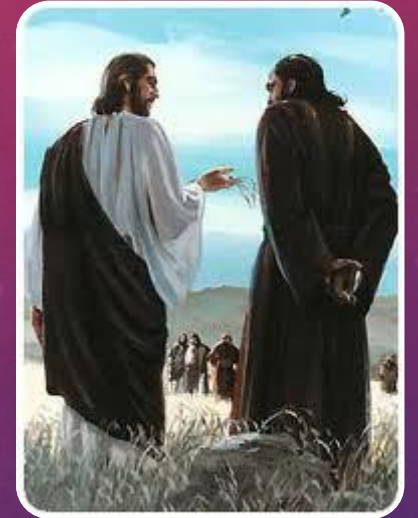


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- All share and are concerned with their community.
- There is open membership.
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- What did they recognize before giving their money? (Acts 4:32)
- Can we work together to lift each other up economically?

## 5<sup>th</sup> Principle

# WORK & THE SABBATH REST:

**“ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY HE RESTED”...(GEN.2:1)**



- Work with your hands (1 Thes.4:11)
- God created rest by resting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.
- A symbol of the covenant between man and God.
- God is the Provider.
- What do you do for a living?
- When was the last time you rested from work (mentally, spiritually)?
- What keeps us from slowing down and resting?
- How can we rest in God? Think about all that He has provide for you.

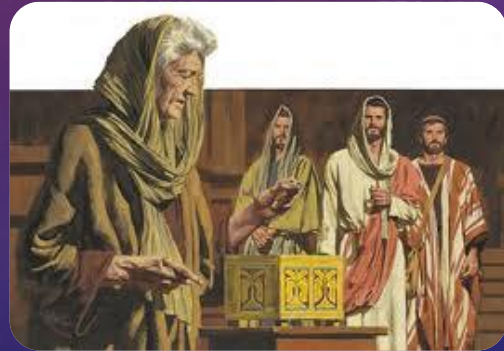
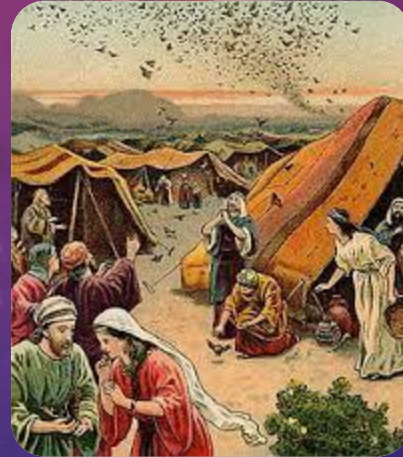


## 6<sup>th</sup> Principle

# SIMPLICITY & DETACHMENT: GOD THE PROVIDER.



- God is the provider:
- Elijah gets fed for 3 years during a drought.
- God provides food (quail and manna) and shelter for 40 years to the people of Israel.
- Jesus claim that a widow's offering is worth more. (Luke 21:1-4)



- **READ OUTLOUD: 1 Tim. 6:6-10**
- **What is the temptation of those that seek wealth?**
- **What is the relationship between “being content” and “food and clothing”?**
- **Are any financial issues keeping you from living a life where you are content?**



## 7<sup>th</sup> Principle



# REDISTRIBUTION: YEAR OF JUBILEE!!



- **Lev. 25:8-25**
- A time to start over again: For everyone and also the land.
- The poor move back to their land of ancestors.
- Freedom and liberty is proclaimed.
- **Act 2**
- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Deacons redistribute funds from wealthy to poor



- **What is enslaving you?**
- **Is there forgiveness, debt that you need to cancel toward someone?**
- **How can you distribute fund from the wealthy to the poor?**

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Principle

# MANAGEMENT SAVINGS & DEBT:

**WE ARE TO MANAGE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US.**



- We have been given the gift of managing all of the earth. (Gen. 1:28)
- Cancellation of debts (Lev. 25)
- Land is given rest. (Lev 25:11)
- Pay all your debt! (Rom. 13:8)

- Are you in debt? Why are you in debt?
- Are you saving for an emergency or are you hoarding?
- Are you keeping someone from being debt free?



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# 9<sup>th</sup> Principle



## CELEBRATE: WORSHIP AND GIVE THANKS.



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# 10<sup>th</sup> Principle



## LAND & PROPERTY RIGHTS: EVERYONE HAS A HOME.



- “...each of you returns *to the lands that belonged to your ancestors* and rejoins your clan.” (Lev. 25: 10)
- **Provide for your family** (food and shelter)  
“Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”  
(1Tim.5:8)
- **Is your family only your relatives? The church? Your neighbor?**
- **How can we help those that don't own their land or their home?**
- **How are you providing for your relatives? Do you have a home?**

## Reflection



# NOW WHAT?: WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF ME?

- What are some concerns or questions that you have concerning these 10 principles?
- What principle stood out to you?
- What is God asking you to do?
- What are 3 actions that you can put into practice so that you can walk more closely to Biblical Economics, in your home, school, job or career?
- Are you reflecting the image of God in your financial dealings in bringing the Kingdom of God?

# Reflection



- Genesis 1
- Leviticus 19, 25
- 1 Timothy 5
- Ecclesiastes 5
  - John 1
  - Act 2
  - Luke 21

# SCRIPTURES:

Meditate on the following scriptures as you begin on leading a life that:

- Loves.
- Brings Worth to those around.
- Reflects God character in our everyday life.
- Is Creative and sets people free.
- Forgives.
- Brings the Kingdom of God on earth.
- Not controlled by money or possessions.
- Gives freely.
- Provides for the family and the poor that surround us.