

JSP and God's Economic Principles

God's Economic Principles

- Do not be a servant to debt.
(Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 15:1, Proverbs 22:7)
- Work and save to provide for our own needs.
(Proverbs 6:6-11, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 1 Timothy 5:8)
- Invest in enterprise and trading (the stock market) to make our capital increase; as a minimum, at least earn interest at the bank!
(Parable of the talents, Luke 19:12-27, Matthew 25:14-28)
- **Fire** any steward who produces no increase!
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- Provide an inheritance for our grandchildren.
(Proverbs 13:22)

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The Exodus passage commands us to have no other God but the Lord our God; Deuteronomy instructs that debts are to be forgiven every seventh year, and Proverbs tells us the borrower is servant to the lender. Taken together, these clearly tell us, **do not be a servant to debt.**

The next Proverbs passage commends to us the example of the ant; Corinthians advises that to sow sparingly is to reap sparingly, while to sow bountifully is to reap bountifully; and Timothy warns that he who does not provide for his own has denied the faith. Taken together, these tell us to **work and save to provide for our own needs.**

The parable of the talents tells us that the good stewards **occupied** themselves and **traded** to produce gain for the master; both terms are references to business enterprise. Furthermore, the bad steward is admonished that he should have **at least** put the money in the bank to gain interest! So good stewards engage in business enterprise and do better than merely earning interest on a bank account. Today's equivalent is, **invest in the stock market when we save.**

The bad steward has the assets removed from his care and is cast into outer darkness amid weeping and gnashing of teeth. Thus, we must **fire any steward who produces no increase.**

The third Proverbs passage says a good man will provide an inheritance for his children's children. That shows the scope and duration for which we are to plan our saving – not just our own needs, nor immediate family, but **provide an inheritance for our grandchildren.**

We're 0-for-5, Aren't We?

- Our government is servant to massive debt.
- Gov't takes and spends our FICA savings.
- Gov't earns no return on our FICA savings.
- We haven't fired this wicked, slothful steward.
- We hand our grandchildren a crushing debt.

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How does JSP measure up against these Biblical standards? We free up resources to pay off the national debt; we switch to honest fiduciaries who leave the money in our account so we enjoy the fruits of our abundant savings rate; we invest those savings in the stock market to produce the best increase; we fire Congress as fiduciary because they produced no increase; and we provide a magnificent inheritance for our grandchildren – not only debt-free abundance but also the example of faithful obedience to God.

That's 5-for-5, which is why the solution works! We have an awesome God. He gave us written instructions so we could live in peace and prosperity. We've flagrantly disobeyed those instructions, and man's way has failed. God's economic principles, however, can immediately lift us out of the whole economic mess and bless us with His abundance.

To lament that capitalism has failed or free markets don't work is a bit like attaching concrete blocks to the wheels of a car, and filling the tank with marbles, then turning the key and pronouncing that the concept of automobiles has failed. Well, gee, is that really the right conclusion? Or might we, if we remove the concrete blocks and marbles and use the tires and gasoline specified in the owner's manual, might we then enjoy the rather phenomenal transportation promised by the designer? ☺

Two caveats. First, if you think it's not appropriate to consider God in public policy, go read the Declaration of Independence. The truth that we hold self-evident is that God created us and He's in charge! Second, if you doubt creation, go test the argument science puts forward to demonstrate the power of pure chance on which their theory of evolution rests: "If enough monkeys banged away on enough typewriters for long enough, they would eventually produce a Shakespeare sonnet by pure chance." Calculate how many monkeys typing for how long it would take to do that, and see where it leads you. I'll be happy to assist if you wish. ☺