

Economics: A Christian Worldview. Snappy Answers to Economics Questions, Part 2
(15-20 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Prep

Print this page and a copy of Page 2 for each student.

Instructions – Follow Carefully!

1. This activity helps students come up with Biblical, informative answers to Economics questions asked by hypothetical friends/acquaintances/critics/random strangers who accost them on street corners.
2. Hand out Page 2 to students, and read the instructions together.
3. Give students 6-8 minutes to answer the questions **INDIVIDUALLY (students' answers must be 20 words or fewer!)**.
4. Tell students: **“Don’t let anyone see your answers!”**
5. When time’s up, collect the answer sheets.
6. Tell students: **“You’re going to vote for the best, most-accurate, and snappiest-without-being-rude answers to these five questions. DO NOT VOTE FOR YOUR OWN ANSWERS.”**
7. Read Question #1 out loud, followed by all the answers students wrote to that question.
8. Ask students one at a time to vote for the answer to Question #1 that they thought was the best, and tally up the votes.
9. Announce: **“The winner to Question #1 is [answer here], which was written by...[student name here]!”**
10. Continue with Questions #2 – #5 until all votes are taken.
11. (If you want, you can award bonus points to winners.)

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Come up with an answer to these five questions that a friend/acquaintance/critic asks you about Economics topics we've discussed. Each answer must be...

- (a) snappy (**20 words or fewer**—feel free to use humor to make your point 😊),
- (b) correct/accurate, and
- (c) polite—no rude insults!

The Questions:

1. “You say ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom’? Are you saying that just because you fear God that you’re going to automatically know all about economics and math and science?”

2. “Acts 20:35 tells Christians, ‘so laboring ye ought to support the weak,’ right? Then why don’t you support welfare programs that help the poor? Your labor *supports* them, doesn’t it?”

3. “We need to stop the production and use of those new machines that perform eye surgeries. They’re going to put eye surgeons out of business, and won’t that harm them and the economy?”

4. “I can’t believe you’re claiming to be a Christian and supporting private property! Doesn’t the Bible say we shouldn’t be selfish?”

5. “The Bible is wrong when it says the rich have ‘pierced themselves through with many sorrows.’ They don’t have any ‘sorrows’—they’re *rich*! What do the rich have be sorrowful about?”

Now, go back and make sure your answers are all 20 words or fewer!