

Economics: A Christian Worldview – The Bible and Wealth Scenarios

(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)

Purpose

Students compare Biblical admonitions to real-life economic situations.

Time

8-10 minutes

Instructions

1. Print a copy of Page 2 for each student and hand out.
2. Read the instructions together.
3. Give individuals 6-8 minutes to answer, then discuss as a class.

Key (Some Are Debatable; Let Students Discuss!)

1. A — Scripture commands able people to work, not live in idleness.
2. B, H — Giving to help fellow believers is specifically commanded.
3. F — Wealth ultimately comes from God, not personal ability alone.
4. E, G — Scripture warns against pursuing riches as life's goal.
5. D — Scripture warns not to trust in riches.
6. H — Christians must help fellow believers in need.
7. F — God gives ability to produce wealth.
8. G, C — One cannot serve both God and money; treasure reveals the heart.
9. D, E — Wealth is uncertain and temporary.

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For each scenario, write the letter of the verse below that best applies. (Use each verse more than once if needed.)

Verses:

- A. 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12 – “If any would not work, neither should he eat.”
- B. Acts 20:35 – “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
- C. Matthew 6:21 – “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
- D. 1 Timothy 6:17 – “Trust not in uncertain riches, but in the living God.”
- E. Proverbs 23:4–5 – “Labor not to be rich...riches certainly make themselves wings.”
- F. Deuteronomy 8:17–18 – “It is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.”
- G. Matthew 6:24 – “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
- H. 1 John 3:17–18 – “If a man has this world's goods, and does not help his brother...”

Scenarios:

- 1. ___ A student refuses to work, but expects his parents and others to support her indefinitely.
- 2. ___ A wealthy Christian gives money to help believers who are suffering persecution.
- 3. ___ A businessman believes his success came entirely from his own intelligence and effort.
- 4. ___ A student becomes obsessed with becoming rich and structures his entire life around that goal.
- 5. ___ A wealthy person trusts his investments more than he trusts God.
- 6. ___ A Christian sees another believer in financial need, but refuses to help.
- 7. ___ A person works hard but recognizes that his abilities and opportunities came from God.
- 8. ___ A student becomes so focused on money that his spiritual life becomes unimportant.
- 9. ___ A person constantly worries about losing wealth and bases his happiness on money.

