

# ***Economics: A Christian Worldview – Tackle It, or Too Far?***

## **(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)**

### **Purpose**

Students practice determining whether government should intervene in matters of money/currency.

### **Time**

15-20 minutes

### **Instructions**

1. Print this page for yourself and a copy of Page 2 for each student.
2. Read the instructions together.
3. Students answer in pairs/groups/at tables.
4. Discuss as a class.

### **Key**

1. A mayor requires that all scales in the marketplace be inspected yearly for accuracy.  
**TACKLE IT** — Ensures honest weights and measures.
2. A parliament bans private ownership of gold.  
**TOO FAR** — Overreach; not preventing fraud or violence.
3. A governor fixes the price of bread at \$2 per loaf.  
**TOO FAR** — Price control; voluntary exchange issue.
4. A merchant is caught shaving silver off coins before passing them along.  
**TACKLE IT** — Fraud/theft through debasement.
5. A bank lies about the interest rate in a loan contract.  
**TACKLE IT** — Fraud in contract.
6. A king declares that only his family may mine silver.  
**TOO FAR** — Monopoly grant; not fraud prevention.
7. A trader waters down apple juice, but sells it as pure.  
**TACKLE IT** — Fraud/misrepresentation.
8. A legislature sets maximum wages for carpenters.  
**TOO FAR** — Wage control; voluntary agreement issue.
9. A counterfeiter prints fake paper notes.  
**TACKLE IT** — Counterfeiting is fraud.
10. A government forces farmers to sell wheat only to state buyers.  
**TOO FAR** — Forced economic control beyond fraud prevention.

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Write either **TACKLE IT** or **TOO FAR** based on whether the government should involve itself in each scenario. (TACKLE IT = Yes; TOO FAR = No.) Make sure your answers reflect the proper, Biblical role of government (protecting against fraud, theft, violence, and enforcing honest weights and measures)!

Next, briefly explain why in the blank (one sentence).

### **Scenarios:**

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**Tackle It, or Too Far?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_

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