

**The New Testament Church**  
**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW TEACHINGS**

**06 – A Biblical View of Business**

**(A Book Review of Dennis Peacocke's *Doing Business God's Way* – [gostrategic.org](http://gostrategic.org))**

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**I God is Building a Family Business** (Introduction and Chapter 1) – PP slides 1-4

- A. The Garden of Eden was the first business; God the owner, Adam and Eve the partners.
  - 1. Genesis 2:15 – *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend (labor) and keep (manage) it.*
  - 2. Webster's 1828 - *Employment; that which occupies the time, attention and labor of men, for the purpose of profit or improvement.*
  - 3. *Business is about an exchange of values between two or more parties* (p. xiii)
- B. God is the Creator of Private Property
  - 1. Psalm 24:1 – *The Earth is the Lord's and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.* – In other words, God is the original and sovereign owner of all private property!
  - 2. Psalm 115:16 - *...but the earth He has given to the children of men.* – we are stewards
  - 3. *If you are in Christ, you are called to extend His kingdom franchise on Earth as a junior partner* – every occupation is full-time Christian service - (p. 3, quotes from pgs. 13-14)

**II Maturity comes by Stewarding Property** (Chapters 2-3) – PP slide 5 – p. 17

- A. We grow by caring for people and things – Matthew 25:23
  - 1. God calls us to steward our personal responsibility and initiative (Pr. 25:28)
  - 2. We will give account for our *bodies* (long life), *conscience* (attitudes toward stewardship), *relationships* (building together), *talents* (producing proprietors), *possessions* (character generates profit) – we *increase* each area... (quotes p. 19-20)
- B. All lasting wealth comes through the family unity and is built generationally – Pr. 13:22
  - 1. *Riches are something we have, whereas wealth is something we are* – p. 32
  - 2. What do you want the next generation to inherit? Debt or wealth? (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:17-19)
  - 3. Five categories of wealth stewardship we should leave our children – pgs. 45-47; p. 47

**III God loves to Work** (Chapters 4-5) – PP slide 6

- A. Work is a holy, everlasting Calling – Genesis 2:15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:10
  - 1. God is a creator, worker and entrepreneur – Genesis 1-2
  - 2. Heaven will be a sin-free work environment! – Revelation 21
  - 3. More should be required of a believer in the workplace – Luke 12:48 (p. 59)
- B. Service is the foundation of all lasting Growth – Matthew 23:11
  - 1. *The best way to make a business profitable is to have as many proprietors and as few employees as possible* – pg. 64
  - 2. *Employees focus on their rights whereas leaders focus on their responsibilities* – pg. 69
  - 3. Capitalism is built on greed and socialism is built on entitlement. (p. 70)

**IV What Money reveals about People** (Chapters 6-7) – PP slide 7

- A. God pays for what He orders – 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:10 (love of money is gluttony)
  - 1. Fallacies: *money solves problems; and if you run out, print or borrow more.* (p. 75)

2. God has all resources, so *He distributes a portion to those who can manage it*
  3. Inflation is theft, and debt for consumption is bondage (slavery) – Pr. 22:7-9 (p. 87)
- B. Risk, Self-respect and redemptive Struggle – Galatians 6:7
1. God designed spiritual choices to be seen in the material world – see page 89
  2. Risk teaches us through failure, self-respect comes by reaping what you sow – p. 92-94
  3. Eight cocoon-cutting policies destroying the Nation – pages 98-99

#### V **Exposing the Cruelty of the Economics of Blame** (Chapters 8-9) – PP slides 8-11

- A. Ideas and actions have Economic Consequences – Ephesians 4:28; Pr. 12:10, p. 103
1. We live in a design dominated universe – as we think internally, so we are (Pr. 22:7)
  2. Avoid a poverty/prosperity; don't blame the environment or others – p. 107-109
  3. Destroy the five enemies within and replace them with humility – p. 111-118
- B. Justice and Equality are not the same – Psalm 89:14 – p. 119
1. "Equality" is dressed up envy. (Genesis 3:5)
  2. Example of equality and taxation – p. 125 – (Pr. 12:10) – compassion of wicked/cruel
  3. Life is not fair, and the ministry of civil government is justice – all play by same rules
  4. See illustrations and quotes on a greater clarity of Equality.

#### VI **Godly Government produces Peace and Productivity** – (Chapters 10-11) – PP slides 12-13

- A. Functional biblical government is essential for productivity – 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-3
1. The Trinity is the model in heaven of unity and diversity in business
  2. God is the source of human rights – see chart on page 134 – 5 spheres of government
  3. *Our philosophy of government either stimulates or retards human creativity* – p. 136
- B. The Essential three-fold Cords that will lead to your Success – Ecclesiastes 4:12
1. *True Christianity is about information that leads to transformation.* – p.143
    - a. *One – Only disciples change the world: Are you living like one?* – p. 145-146
    - b. *Two – Building a Christian worldview: have you started the task?* – p. 147
    - c. *Three – Working together strategically to execute God's plan for the Nations: Will you start where you have influence?* – p. 149-150
  2. *Honesty, Competency and the Capacity to be trained* – p. 150

#### VII **A Call to True Radicals** – (Chapter 12) – PP slide 14

- A. Discover the root structures and build out from them – a true radical – Isaiah 58:12
1. A radical understands root principles that change from the bottom – p. 153-154
  2. True radicals build on God's laws and principles
  3. Practicing the basics are critical to maturing in every area of life
- B. Six Essential Laws for Rebuilding a Culture – p. 158-160
1. Personal Initiative: *All true freedom begins in self-government*
  2. Healthy Families: *The family unit is the basic building block of society*
  3. Effective Churches: *The local church is the primary equipping center for service*
  4. Private Property: *The stewardship of private property is essential to societal maturity*
  5. Problem Solving: *Rebuilding a nation begins with rebuilding local communities*
  6. Strategic Thinking: *Wars are won with ideas*
- C. We are living under the Judgment of God – *The measure of our ability to bring change to any situation is the strength of our biblically-based vision and heart-based passion for that vision to come to pass.* - p. 162