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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The book aims to reposition the way Christians think about business, to show how God intends Christians to approach business in terms of God's plan for the earth in the present day, and to describe the concept of marketplace ministry. It describes 12 foundational principles of biblical economics and management.</p> <p>The book explains that our time on earth develops our spiritual skills, and we as Christians should be focused on doing God's work rather than merely waiting for Him to return and sweep us up into Heaven. If we present ourselves to be trained by God, the discipling of the nations will flow naturally from that.</p> <p>The book also describes and condemns national debt, statinism and abortion.</p>
<b>Rating</b> ☆☆☆☆☆	

<b>Kingdom Principles (12)</b>	<b>Best Practices</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is the creator of private property</li> <li>• We grow by caring for people and things (responsibility leads to maturity)</li> <li>• All lasting wealth comes through the family unit and is built generationally (wealth vs. riches)</li> <li>• Work is a holy, everlasting calling</li> <li>• Service is the foundation of all lasting growth</li> <li>• God pays for what he orders</li> <li>• The possibility of a failure is essential for growth</li> <li>• Ideas and actions have economic consequences</li> <li>• Men are not equal, and economic redistribution cannot change this fact</li> <li>• Functioning biblical government is essential for productivity</li> <li>• Christians must live as disciples, renew their minds, and come together in unity to execute God's plan for the nations</li> <li>• Discover root structures and build out from them</li> </ul>	<p>Make it a priority to discover the gifts of those who work for/with you, and draw them into what God created them to be</p> <p>Families are the vehicle for God's blessings: First cultivate wise stewardship in ourselves, then cultivate it in our children</p> <p>Addressing poverty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create opportunities for gleaning</li> <li>○ Make non-interest-bearing loans available to the brethren</li> <li>○ Voluntary servitude (to learn life skills)</li> <li>○ Display the Almighty's love in practical ways</li> </ul> <p>Strive to be as strongly capitalized as possible, as opposed to leveraged, so that your company can survive in hard times, when it will be most needed</p> <p>God promoted problem-solvers. Many bible leaders were problem-solvers (learn by studying them)</p> <p>Seek to strategically network as you build through leverage-point people</p>
<b>Cool Stories / Marketplace Miracles</b>	<b>Helpful Hints</b>
<p>God revealed that the author should relate to God as an investment banker, demonstrating good stewardship by planning strategically, and demonstrating costs and benefits</p>	<p>Find a mentor. Pray them into your life.</p> <p>Become a disciplined learner</p> <p>Retrain your mind biblically</p>

<b>Would you recommend the book?</b>	<p>Yes, the principles are good, although the ultra-conservative tone may irritate some</p>
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