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Americans are obsessed with money, yet understand little of the workings of economics. Worst yet is the fact that what we think we know is just plain wrong. Politicians and special interest groups benefit from this ignorance while the American people slip deeper into debt and financial slavery. Biblical Economics tells you exactly what, how and why you need to know about its topic, no more and no less. With a passing interest in the subject, you may know a few more things about economics than R.C. chooses to discuss in the book. But most of those things are not things that most of us need to know in order to live a biblically sound life. Only a few are vital, and R.C. has done us the immense favor of isolating them, explaining them in clear and simple terms, and showing how they are pertinent and in fact critical to an understanding of how Christians must live in a world that is adamant about denying the role of God in providing our daily bread. You'll find that Biblical Economics is an invaluable aid for developing your own understanding of economic principles. Read it, then give it your child to read and then talk with him about it.

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### **Deleone says**

#### **Good book!**

Not what I expected, but this is a good book to read. Direction of thought process or writing purpose isn't always clear. But, this book is a good place in your start up list to learn about economics and the Bible. May probably cause you to go back to the Word and see what it says.

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### **Gabriel says**

Good intro to biblical econ. The laws of economics flow from God and the covenant He has made with man. Supply and demand does not come from thin air. Supply and demand comes from God's command not to steal and a faithful view of covenants.

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### **John says**

R.C. Sproul, Jr. understands economics far better than most any other Christian writer that I've encountered. This is a short book but it is full of wisdom, insight, and Scriptural exegesis. Sproul sees economics as one of the integral aspects of human flourishing. Not only that, but he understands that economic confusion is a judgment and brings further judgment.

The chapters are relatively brief, but they are packed with brilliance and practicality. Sproul understands the impact of inflation, the devastations of fiat currency, government debt, and deficit spending. This is an important book for all Christians to read. It should be read by all Christians who desire to see reformation and revival. Without a proper understanding of economics, there is only judgment and despair in our future.

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### **Brian Morin says**

Don't bother--much more of a political platform backed up by a few Biblical anecdotes than a thorough treatise on the Bible's views on economics. Start with a title that lies to you, and then goes downhill from there.

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### **Calvert Wallace says**

This was a great read and primer on the subject.

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## **Kirk says**

Sproulito did a great job with the economics end of things but only a mediocre job of the biblical end of things. Any convinced free market capitalist will be cheering their way through the book and be learning along the way as well. His writing was engaging and illustrations were very ... well... common-sensical. However, he rarely establishes his economic principles starting with a scriptural foundation. Most of the time he introduces the reader to a free market principle and then shows where that principle can be supported using the scriptures. While his dedication to the scriptures is evident and his zeal to see God's righteousness established in the economic arena is commendable, it seems a book entitled "Biblical Economics" ought to start with the scriptures and derive its economic principles from there. This is really the only critique I have of the book, but it seems an appropriate one considering the title suggests a stronger biblical presence.

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## **Dana says**

If I could have given more than 5 stars to this book I would have. This book was EXCELLENT and is a great introductory book for anyone wanting to learn about economics or anyone who wants to understand what is going on this country economically right now. I highly recommend it!!!

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## **Terry says**

### **Excellent Presentation of a Difficult and Potentially Boring Topic**

Economics is an item that has an impact on each and everyone of us, like it or not. This book is biblical in foundation, but universal in educational scope.

Every citizen should read it for a clear delineation of the difference between an interventionist socialist based economy and a free market economy. Centralized control economies simply do not work. Free market economies do.

This book clarifies the differences while demolishing myths that the left propagates as truth. In fact, they are based on half truths, omissions and outright lies.

The chapter on profit is a gem in and of itself clarifying the absolute necessity of profit as a means of producing economic progress. Without it, economies have no direction, no investable funds for growth and no incentives to bring out a product or service in the first place.

Many other gems lie inside this book. If you want a clearer education than you ever got in any university course on economics, irrespective of your religious leanings, a read of this book will not be a waste of your time and effort. Easy to follow but still practical and accurate. Every American should give it a read.

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## **Jerry says**

Excellent introduction to economics with a vital chapter on our government called Leviathan. Essential

reading for pastors as entitlement, statism, envy, and other ills bred from so-called "social justice" abound.

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### **Natalie Weber says**

This book was the first I read as part of a Great Authors webinar series put on by Vision Forum. My understanding of economics is very elementary, so this book was a great starting point to help me understand some basic economic principles. It includes chapters on: Stewardship, Creation, Prosperity, Profit, Money, Inflation, Debt, Poverty, Equity, and Government. Perhaps more than anything, it reminded me how practical and helpful an understanding of these principles is for daily living in general, and for establishing sound business practices in particular. The chapter on Prosperity is the one that has stuck with me the most, especially the discussion of what "conditions must exist for economic growth and material welfare to happen." While the book is certainly enlightening, one should be aware that reading it is sure to make you more aware of the disastrous policies and practices that have been adopted by our government. R.C. Sproul shares a few thoughts at the end of the book on how to work toward a solution and sums it up by stating, "Prayer and education are the two strongest tools the Christian has. It is up to us to use them and to call our nation to true, national discipleship, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

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### **Eve Victorié says**

Simple and very easy to read. This book did a great job of introducing economics to me. I've read about and tried to grasp basic economic principles before, but I never really understood them until now!

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### **Adam Calvert says**

This is a terrific primer on the Biblical view of economics. And it is immensely needed in our churches in America - if nothing more than to demonstrate the following: "That the Bible is not an economics textbook does not mean that it is totally useless for understanding economic issues. ... Where ethics touches economics, the Bible is relevant." (p. 16)

In this short but greatly useful book, R.C. Sproul Jr. gives a Scriptural presentation of stewardship, property, profit, money, inflation, debt, poverty, equity, government, and more. The book is very readable and has solid practical value. I would recommend it to every Christian minister and layperson alike. Not only is it edifying in personal use, but I think it would be highly valuable for a small group study as well.

Get this book and read it with Scripture!

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### **Briana says**

Couldn't put it down.

...and yes, it's an economics book...

It was just that good.

Great introduction to the confusing and depressing world of economics. People today get so caught up in what's "fair" and "right", but most of the time, our perception of justice has been affected too much on an emotional level. If we want to understand economics, we need to really pin down our definitions and ideals. Yes, we're called to be compassionate to the needy, but we need to figure out the best way to do that (not just force other people to be charitable).

I *knew* I disliked FDR for a reason. (I mean, for a reason other than the fact that he's way more popular and deified than any human being should be...)

By sheer coincidence (or not?), I ran into a bunch of Torrey Academy: Foundations of American Thought authors in here! Montesquieu, Tocqueville...and I caught little snippets of Locke, even though his name wasn't mentioned...it was like running into old friends. Or enemies. I'm not sure... ;P

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### **Luke D says**

This book is a real eye-opener on many issues (bringing sense and simplicity (and joy!) to the "complex", often stupid economic policies of today). I'm actually doing the whole course, so I'm not sure how much of what I've learned was from the book vs. how much was from the lectures/questions! I'd highly, highly recommend the whole course, though.

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### **Patricia says**

Excellent. R.C. Sproul Jr. gives a refreshing, Biblical perspective on economics and other issues. I especially liked the chapter on prosperity. He explained how prosperity naturally flows from a free, unregulated economy. He also challenged the myth that prosperity shouldn't be worked towards, but instead showed how it is a necessary component of a healthy economy. He ends the book with a call for education, saying that the only way we can get a small government back is for Americans to have a small government mindset. "Public opinion changes one mind at a time." Very inspiring. Deserves all 5 stars!

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