

## Bible (Journal) Questions

In addition to a daily reading assignment in *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, we schedule a section of Scripture for you to read and contemplate each day. We do not provide the text of the verse(s), though, as we want you to use the Bible translation of your choice.

Each day, read the section of Scripture a couple of times. Ponder it. Do you understand it? Does it make sense?

What does it mean to you? If necessary, read some additional verses before and after the section assigned to give you a better idea of the context surrounding the verse(s).

When you've read each day's section of Scripture and given it some independent thought, review the day's journal questions located at the bottom of each schedule page. We provide these questions to accompany each section of Scripture assigned to encourage you to think about the verse(s) on a deeper level.

As you contemplate each day's section of Scripture and journal questions, make notes of your thoughts in a journal (that's why we call them journal questions!). Although any old notebook can serve as a journal, we recommend that you purchase a special, diary-type journal for this course. (We offer a journal you may use.) We believe that the thoughts and ideas that Scripture will inspire are quite valuable and thus worthy of preservation for years to come.

When you record your thoughts in your journal, make sure to record the date at the top. You might also want to write the Scripture citation, if not the entire verse(s). We believe it will be interesting to see how your thoughts and beliefs mature and grow as a result of comparing what you learn about the world's view of economics with God's view of how to use your time, talents, and treasures.

**Note to Parents:** There is no need to evaluate your students' journal entries. Their personal thoughts expressed in their journals should belong to them. Simply verify that they are indeed writing in their journals on a daily basis.

## Money, Possessions and Eternity

One of the first lessons you will learn in this course is that economics is about more than just money. Indeed, economics is about the management of scarce resources, including money, time, possessions—all sorts of things!

When we began to put this course together, we quickly realized that what is missing from most economics programs is a biblical view of economics issues to compare

and contrast with the traditional, secular view of these issues. Did you know that the Bible has a lot to say about how we use our time, talents, and treasures? Author Larry Alcorn points out in Chapter 1 of *Money, Possessions and Eternity* that the Bible contains approximately 2,350 verses about money—about twice as many verses than verses about faith and prayer combined.

In *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, Alcorn takes you on a tour of economics from God's perspective. Sometimes God's view is similar to the way the rest of the secular world views economics, but often it is radically different. We pray that this book will give you a balanced view of how God would have you use your money and possessions for eternal purposes. Enjoy!

**Note:** *Money, Possessions and Eternity* contains a Study Guide located after the Appendices at the back of the book. The Study Guide is divided into 13 lessons. We do not schedule any of these lessons as part of our program. Feel free, though, to review the questions and Scripture citations on your own if you would like additional review on any particular part of the book. If you do use the Study Guide lessons, we encourage you to record your thoughts in your journal alongside your other notes.

## Thinkwell Economics

We believe that Thinkwell's *Economics* course will give you a solid foundation in a broad range of economic concepts. We're confident Thinkwell's innovative approach to economics instruction will make navigating these sometimes-difficult concepts an enjoyable learning experience. Upon completion of this course, you should be equipped to excel on the AP (Advanced Placement) Microeconomics and Macroeconomics exams.

**Note:** For those students who wish to use this course to prepare as fully as possible for taking the AP exams, please follow the line on your Schedule page that reads "Economics—AP Schedule." If you do not plan to take the AP exams and prefer a less-demanding pace, please follow the line on your Schedule page that reads "Economics—Alternative Schedule." The alternative schedule will provide a solid overview of economics concepts without concentrating on the more-rigorous concepts geared toward AP exam preparation. Feel free, however, to explore any of the topics not covered on the alternative schedule at your leisure.

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