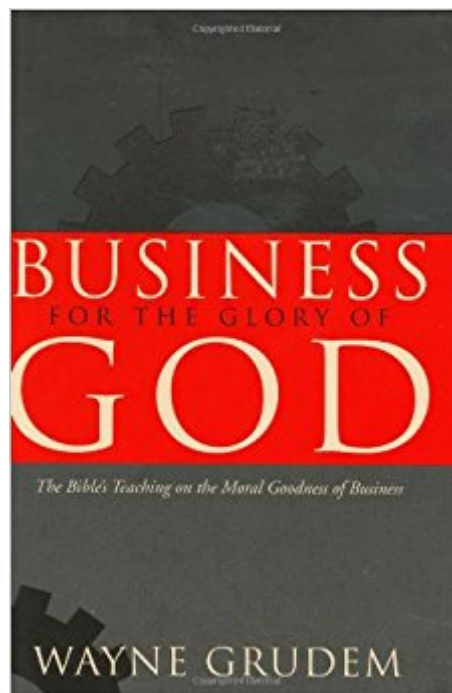




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# Business For The Glory Of God: The Bible's Teaching On The Moral Goodness Of Business



## Synopsis

Can business activity in itself be morally good and pleasing to God? Sometimes business can seem so shady-manipulating the "bottom line," deceiving the consumer, or gaining promotions because of whom you know. But Wayne Grudem introduces a novel concept: business itself glorifies God when it is conducted in a way that imitates God's character and creation. He shows that all aspects of business, including ownership, profit, money, competition, and borrowing and lending, glorify God because they are reflective of God's nature. Though Grudem isn't naïve about the easy ways these activities can be perverted and used as a means to sin, he knows that Christians can be about the business of business. This biblically based book is a thoughtful guide to imitating God during interactions with customers, coworkers, employees, and other businesses. See how your business, and your life in business, can be dedicated to God's glory.

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LensCrafters; current CEO, Family Christian Stores

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This short, but helpful, book from respected theologian Wayne Grudem, is an expanded version of a paper titled "How Business in Itself Can Glorify God" he delivered at a conference at the Regent University Graduate School of Business in 2002. He argues that "many aspects of business activity – ownership, productivity, employment, commercial transactions (buying and selling), profit, money, inequality of possessions, competition, borrowing and lending, attitudes of heart, and effect on world poverty - are morally good in themselves, and that in themselves they bring glory to God although they also have great potential for misuse and wrongdoing." Grudem tells us that God created us so that we would imitate him and so that he could look at us and see something of his wonderful attributes reflected in us. He states that to be in God's image means to be like God and to represent God on the earth. For each of the aspects of business activity, Grudem challenges the reader to ask how they provide unique opportunities for glorifying God. He writes that we will find that in every aspect of business there are multiple layers of opportunities to give glory to God, as well as multiple temptations to sin. As he looks at each aspect he expands on both the opportunities and temptations. I found this to be a helpful, quick read, and recommend it to you.

This is such a great exposition of business from a Biblical perspective. Like the author, I get tired of people just putting down business like it is some evil thing. God created business and Mr Grudem does a great job of showing that and casting a vision for how business can be used.

Wayne Grudem presents an excellent Biblical defense of business and indirectly, Capitalism. He argues that work and business are good and were created by God. He admits that evil men can abuse it of course, but fundamentally business is good. This book is a short read, I finished it in a few hours. I read this book for BUSI 301 at Liberty University and then wrote an analytical review.

Being that it is a short book, most of the topics are dealt with briefly and so this book is a good introduction to the scriptures on work and business. I would suggest to the author to take these ideas and write another more in depth book!

Good introduction to business and Christianity. Oftentimes people don't believe business/profit don't have a place in Christianity, but this book explains how business can be used to glorify God. Certainly not an extremely in depth book, but it gives great overviews. Additional research and explanations could easily be added to each topic, but if one were to write a paper/essay/ect on the topic, it would give great arguments that could be further explored

Great book and easy read. I would highly recommend this book for anyone who is going through business school!

The book isn't what I thought it was going to be. I was hoping for more of "Truth at work" type of book, rather than Wayne's opinion of matching scripture to general business high level. Was looking for something a little deeper.

I enjoy nearly anything Wayne Grudem writes. His insights into the Bible are great. He has done another stellar job taking Biblical teachings and principles, then applying them to the business world. I enjoyed how he kept saying that business is neutral. It isn't good or bad. People's actions are what make business dealings good and bad. All aspects of business when used for the glory of God are good. Profit is good! And I think you will "profit" (pun intended) by reading this short writing by a great 20th & 21st century theologian.

Great book!

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