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Go Deep
What Would Jesus Say About...
Work & Welfare
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What was your first real job?

Take a look at the following verses to get a sense of what Jesus might say: **Proverbs 21:25; 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; Matthew 5:42; Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 11.**

How do these verses fit together?

God had an HR Manual for Israel. Read Deuteronomy 24:19 and Leviticus 19:9-10.

*What is different between the two passages?
What lesson is taught?*

Read Numbers 33:54 and Leviticus 25:23.

What is God's real-estate policy? Who owns the land?

Every 50th year was Jubilee Year - when all the land went back to the family of the original owner (Leviticus 25:10).
What impact would that policy have on the economy?

Read Ezekiel 16:49, Isaiah 10:1-4, Jeremiah 5:28-30.

*What are the nations doing?
What is God's response to their behavior?
What does that say about God's economic policy.*

Read James 5:4.

What is the practical implication of that verse on our economy?

Compensation for CEOs increased by 940% from 1978-2018. Compensation for employees increased by 12% during that same time.

What do you think about that?
 Good with it?
 Just doesn't seem right?
 I wish I were a CEO!

The Business Roundtable (a group of almost 200 CEOs) wrote a new mission statement on August 19. Compare the old one with the new one.

Old One: "The paramount duty of management and of boards of directors is to the corporation's stockholders. The interests of other stakeholders are relevant as a derivative of the duty to stockholders."

New One: You can read the whole thing at <https://opportunity.businessroundtable.org/ourcommitment/>. "Shareholders" are not mentioned until word 250 in the 300-word document. The interest of shareholder is preceded by things like: creating "value for customers," "Investing in employees," fostering "diversity and inclusion," "supporting the communities in which we work," "protecting the environment."

Why do you think the CEOs changed their mission statement?

Write an economic policy from the principles of Scripture.