

Wayne Grudem,
Business for the Glory of God.
The Bible's Teaching on the Moral Goodness of Business
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As Wayne Grudem, currently Research Professor of Bible and Theology at Phoenix Seminary in Arizona, notes in the introduction to this superb treatment of a much-neglected topic: “When students ask, ‘How can I serve God with my life?’ they don’t often hear the answer, ‘Go into business.’” (p.11). Yet, as Grudem demonstrates, business activity in itself is morally good and as such, like all human endeavour, it is a way of glorifying God. Grudem is certainly aware that much that goes on in the business world is sinful, but this does not negate his fundamental thesis: a Christian can be in business and in this capacity live wholly for the glory of God.

Dealing with such issues as ownership, profit, the inequality that characterizes human business, and world poverty, Grudem more than adequately makes his case. And so we should rejoice in God’s “remarkable wisdom in designing so many amazing ways in which business activity in itself is fundamentally good and brings glory to God” (p.77). Grudem is also aware that this is a subject about which the Bible has much to say and is thus a subject that needs a much fuller treatment than he is able to give in the small compass of this book. A “much larger book” is promised (p.9), but until that appears this small study is a very helpful taster.

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