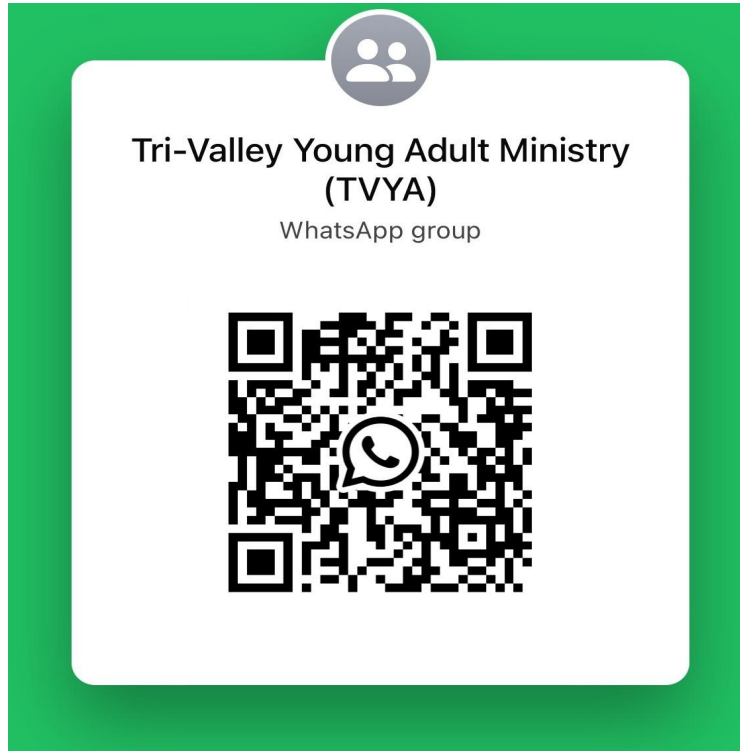


**Wisdoms from the Scripture
for
Becoming a Successful Solopreneur**

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What Is a Solopreneur?

Solopreneur = Solo + Entrepreneur

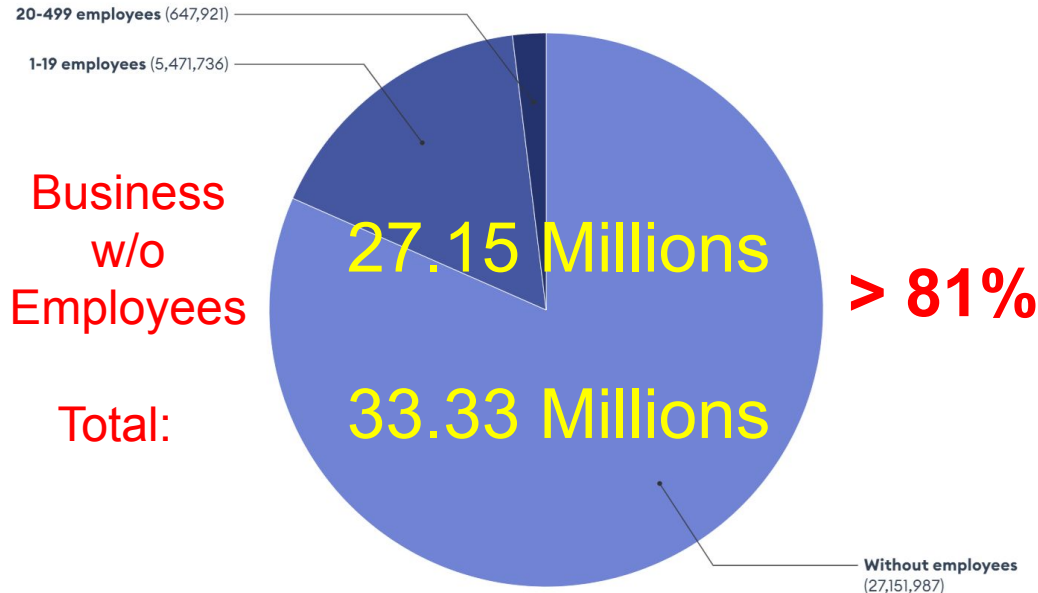
- **1:** A solopreneur is a person who sets up a business, of which the person is the sole person in the business.
- **2:** An entrepreneur who works alone, “solo,” running their business single-handedly. They might have contractors for hire, yet have full responsibility for the running of their business.
- **3:** An entrepreneur who works alone, a company of one, a solo entrepreneur.
- **4:** Self-Employed.

How Many Solopreneurs Are in the US?

Forbes ADVISOR

Small Businesses by Employee Size in 2024

According to the Small Business Administration, there are a total of 33.2 million small businesses. Below is the breakdown of businesses by employee size.



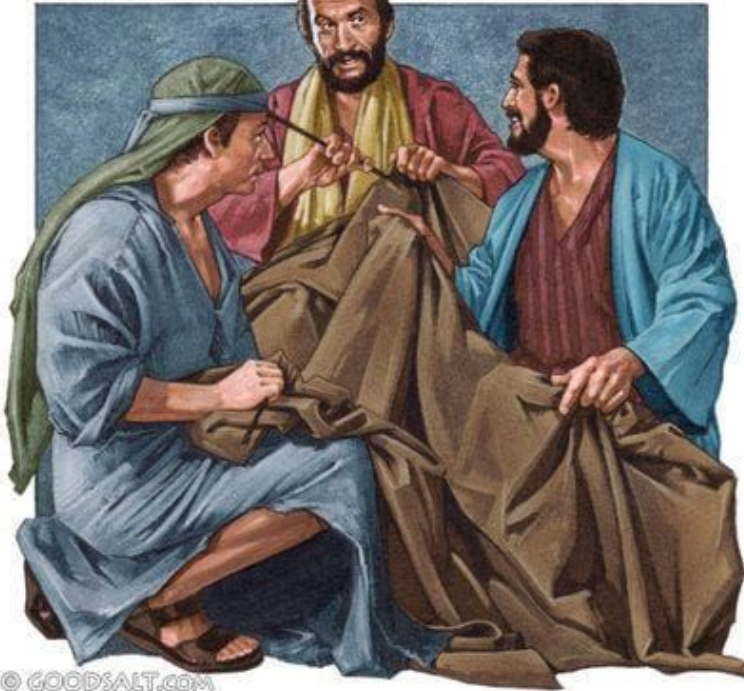
33.3 million businesses in the United States qualify as small businesses, making up 99.9% of all U.S. businesses.

Out of the 33.3 million small businesses in the country, 27.1 million are managed solely by their owners and do not employ any additional personnel

Two Solopreneurs in the Bible

Do you know who they are?

Paul the Apostle, the Tent-Making Preacher



Paul lived in Ephesus for three years. While preaching the gospel, he began making tents. He told the Ephesians "I have not wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that I have worked with these hands of mine to provide everything that my companions and I have needed."

What Does the Bible Say?

Acts 18:1-4



After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

What Does the Bible Say?

1 Corinthians 4:12

We work hard with our own hands.
When we are cursed, we bless;
when we are persecuted, we
endure it



What Does the Bible Say?



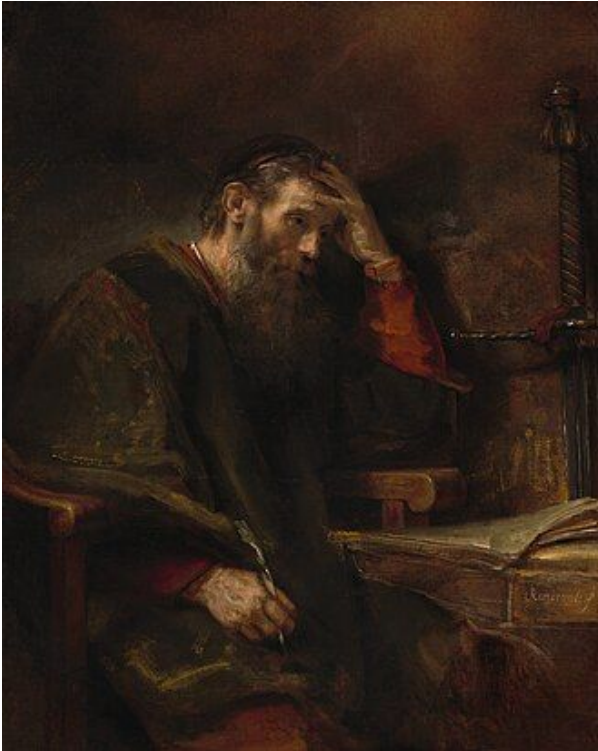
1 Thessalonians. 2:9

Remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.


What Does the Bible Say?

2 Thessalonians. 3:7-8

For you, yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.



God, the Creator of the Universe and Human Being



“In the beginning
God created
the heaven
and the earth.”

— Genesis 1:1

Source: King James Version (KJV) Bible. Photo: NASA

QuotesCosmos

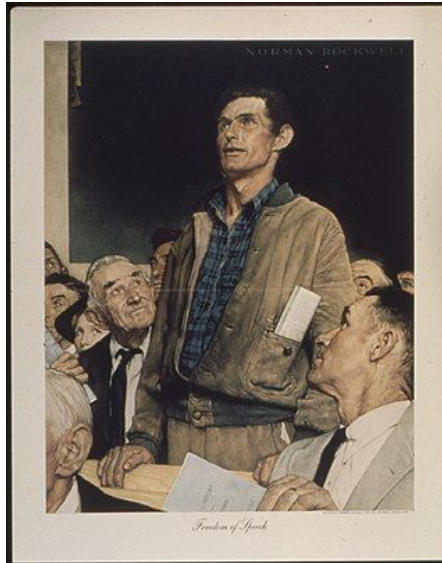
The first thing God reveals about Himself in Scripture is not that He is loving, holy, omnipotent, gracious, or just. No, the first thing God shows us is that He is **creative**. In Genesis, He brings something out of nothing. He brings order out of chaos. He creates for the good of others. In short, God is the **first entrepreneur**, and also the **first solopreneur**.

Why Do You Want to Be a Solopreneur?

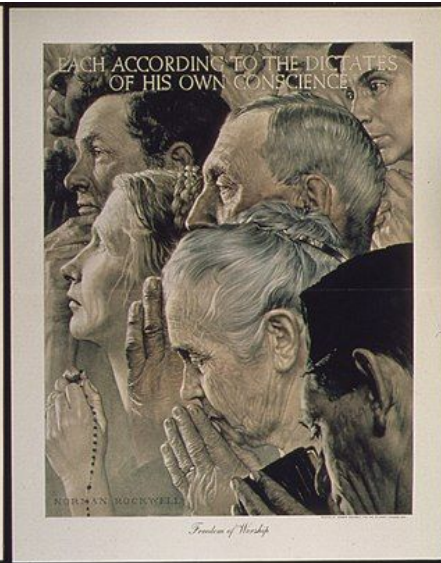
- A career option to consider if one can't find or doesn't like 9-5 regular jobs.
- It is a great or even godly way to pursue freedom and happiness in life.

Four Levels of Freedom

Not Exactly FDR's Four Freedoms



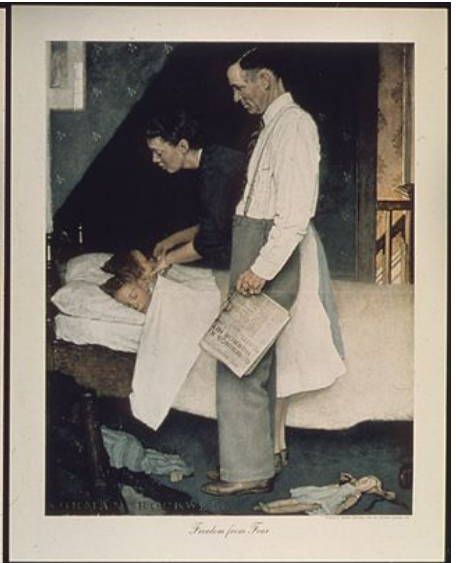
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Freedom of Worship

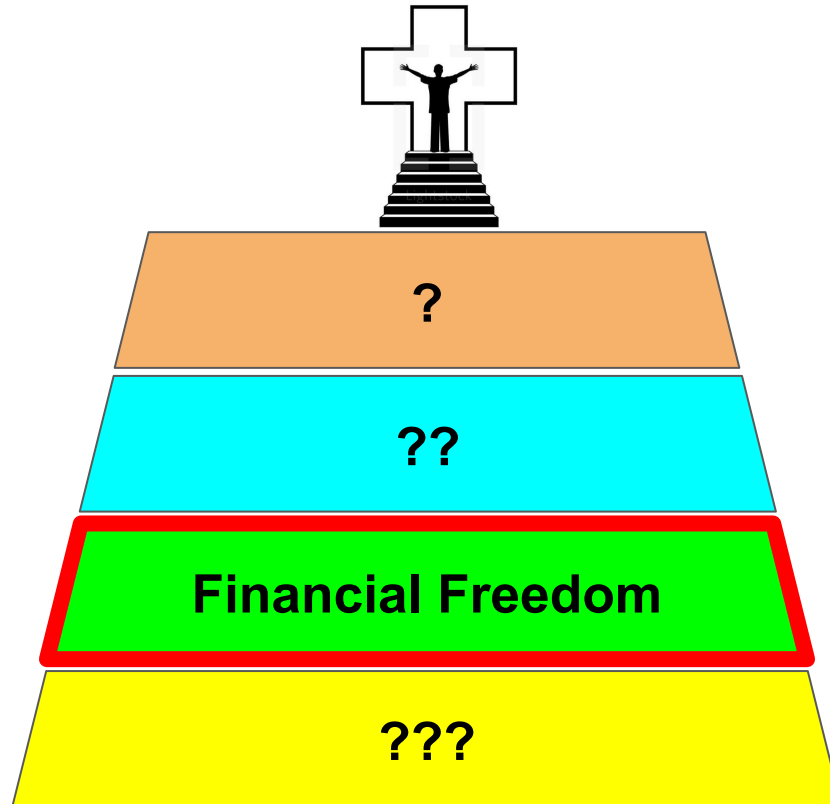


Freedom of Want



Freedom of Fear

Four Levels of Freedom



Let's Look at Financial Freedom First

生财有道-Making money the right way



50 ways to
boost
your
income



100 Creative Ways To Make Money

- 1) Start a blog
- 2) Share your opinion
- 3) Freelance writing
- 4) Sell on Craigslist
- 5) High Interest Banking
- 6) Get cashback
- 7) Index fund investing
- 8) P2P Lending
- 9) Swagbucks
- 10) Credit card offers
- 11) Online courses
- 12) Software Specialist
- 13) Work events
- 14) AirBNB
- 15) Pet Sit
- 16) InstaCart
- 17) TaskRabbit
- 18) Market research
- 19) Harris Poll
- 20) User Testing
- 21) Nanny
- 22) Watch Videos
- 23) Lose Weight
- 24) Buy, Restore, & Resell
- 25) Tutor
- 26) Etsy
- 27) Mow Lawns
- 28) Catering
- 29) Ask for a raise
- 30) Ask for more hours
- 31) Find a new job
- 32) Sell old electronics
- 33) Garage sales
- 34) Consignment shops
- 35) Sell old books
- 36) Medical studies
- 37) Coach
- 38) Substitute teach
- 39) Self-Publish
- 40) Paint
- 41) Property manager
- 42) 100% Commission
- 43) Car Detailing
- 44) Uber/Lyft
- 45) Rent your parking spot
- 46) Sell your car
- 47) Become a tour guide
- 48) Sell your data
- 49) Invest in real estate
- 50) Rent out office space
- 51) iBotta
- 52) Thumbtack
- 53) Fiverr
- 54) Help with homework
- 55) WeGoLook
- 56) Get a FlexJob
- 57) Search engine evaluator
- 58) Answer questions
- 59) FBA Store
- 60) Sell lesson plans
- 61) Rent your bike
- 62) Poshmark
- 63) Courier
- 64) Bootcamp instructor
- 65) Recycle scrap metal
- 66) Earn a bonus
- 67) Scoop poop
- 68) Caddy
- 69) Referee
- 70) Edit
- 71) Sell your gift cards
- 72) Graphic designer
- 73) Moderate forums
- 74) Bookkeeping
- 75) House sitting
- 76) Write a CE Course
- 77) Enter competitions
- 78) Valet cars
- 79) Get more education
- 80) Mystery shop
- 81) Fast food delivery
- 82) Virtual Assistant
- 83) Mechanical turk
- 84) Sell gold
- 85) Photography
- 86) Focus groups
- 87) Shovel snow
- 88) Seasonal opportunities
- 89) Teach a language
- 90) IT Help
- 91) Amazon Services
- 92) Web Design
- 93) Social Media Manager
- 94) Sell blood
- 95) Train pets
- 96) Groom pets
- 97) Bartend
- 98) Vending Machines Biz
- 99) Find rare books
- 100) Get a refund

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Way #1: Sell your time.

Way #2: Use your time to create value,
then sell the value you created.

Way #1: Sell Your Time Directly

- Your time is always limited, 8-12 hours a day that you can sell.
- Your time is not duplicatable. You can't sell your time to multiple buyers at the same time.
- You can't sell your time indefinitely, your sellable time is usually less than 50 years.
- Money from selling your time is usually very limited.

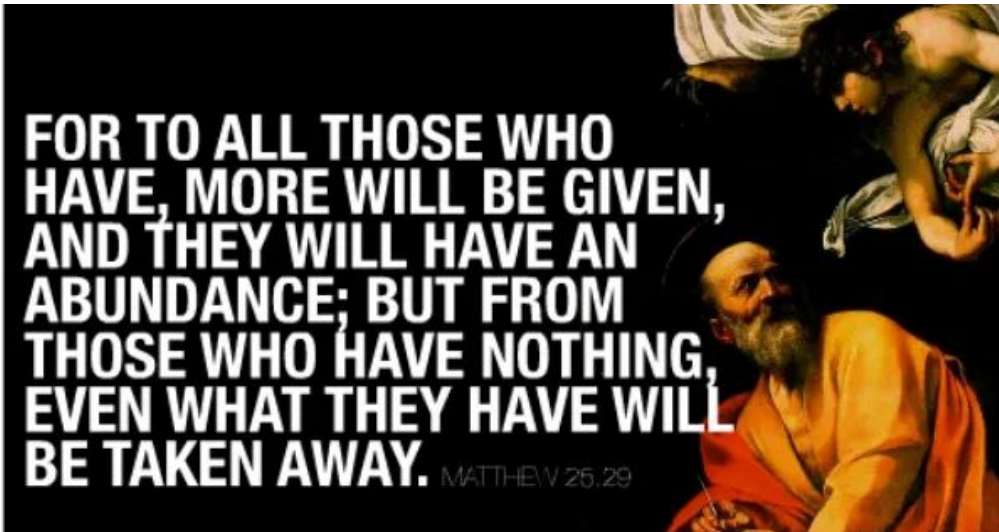
Way #2: Use Your Time to Create Value

- Value you created can be sold 24/7/365.
- Value is duplicatable. You can sell the value you created multiple times.
- Value you created can still be sold even after you pass away.
- Money from selling the value you created can be unlimited.

“Matthew Effect” aka “Parable of the Talents”

Matthew 25:14–30

Rich becomes richer, and poor becomes poorer.



An Alternative “Matthew Effect”

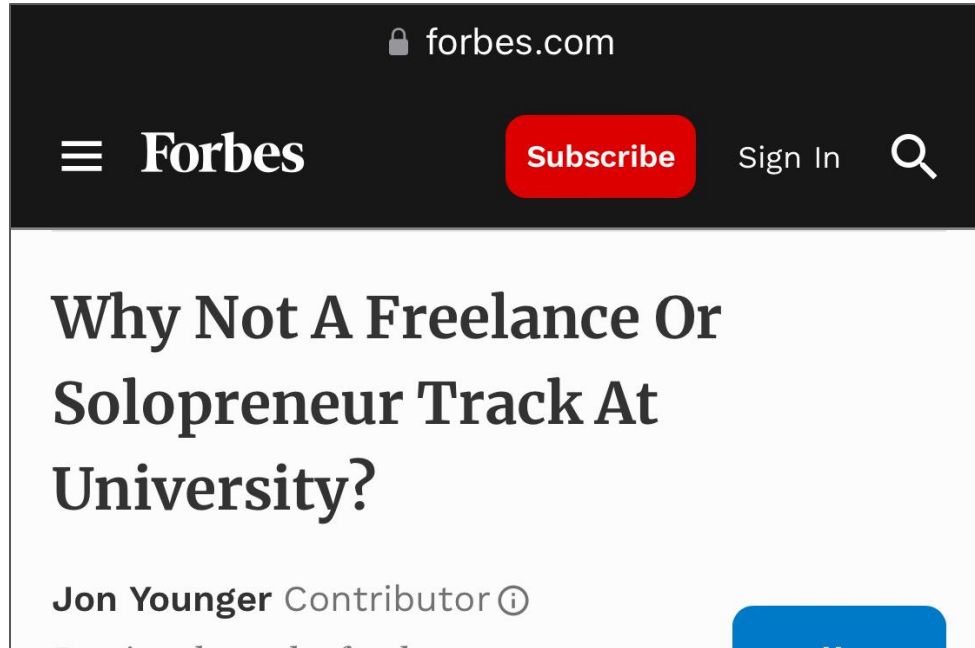
- God gives everyone same amount time per day.
- Way #1: Making money by selling your time directly is least risky, but the return is the poorest.
- Way #2: Making money by using your time to create value is risky, but the return can be very high.
- Being a solopreneur is at a sweet spot of Way#2 with low risks and good potential for achieving financial freedom. However, it is rarely taught in schools.

Fact: 10%+ of the US Workforce Are Solopreneurs

Solopreneur Statistic	Value	Source
Number of solopreneurs in the US	25.3 million (27.2 million in 2024)	US Census Bureau
Percentage of the US workforce that is self-employed	<u>10.5%</u>	US Census Bureau

<https://prospectingtoolkit.com/solopreneur-statistics-everything-you-need-to-know/>

Fact: Universities Don't Teach Solopreneurship



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jonyounger/2021/12/19/why-not-a-freelance--solopreneur-track-at-university/>

Why? My Conspiracy Theory

- Universities exist to service the society.
- Today's society is a capitalist society.
- A capitalist society needs plenty of people as labor who sell their time for money.
- Solopreneurs don't sell their time nor buy other people's time, which makes them not part of the capitalist system.
- This may be why universities rarely teach solopreneurship.

“U.S. universities are as corrupt as medieval churches 500 years ago” - Peter Thiel, Co -Founder of Paypal

Is Financial Freedom against God's Will?

Genesis 3:17-19

Cursed is the ground because of you; through **painful toil** you will eat food from it **all the days of your life**. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the **sweat of your brow** you will eat your food **until you return to the ground**, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.

Is Financial Freedom against God's Will?

- God wants us to be free, probably including being financially free .
- Financial Freedom means you don't worry about running out of money. It doesn't mean you shall stop working hard.
- In fact, men are “programmed” to work hard by God regardless of having achieved financial freedom.
- Working hard is how God wants a man to do to “curb” his sins.
- Genesis 3:17-19 is not a curse but a blessing from God.

What does God want a woman to do to “curb” her sins?

Financial Freedom May Become a New “Bondage”

- Our world is not perfect, equality is just another utopia.
- Not everyone can achieve financial freedom.
- If you do, you are extremely lucky.
- However, your financial freedom may become another “bondage” and may ruin your life.
- Solution: giving generously and joyfully to help others.
- Giving to others benefits yourself first. It is an effective exercise to overcome your penchant of “love of money”.

What Does the Bible Say?

John 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

What Does the Bible Say?

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

What Does the Bible Say?

Acts 20:35

...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

What Does the Bible Say?

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

舍得 (shě de): Give to Get

More about Tithing/Offering

Tithing: Tithing usually refers to a practice of giving a portion of your income, typically 10%(?), to a church or religious institution(?).

What's the Real Reason God Wants Us to Tithe?

The real reason must be:

- unique to Christianity, not found in other religions.
- Something God can't do for you.
- that the benefit is not for God but for the person who tithes.
- that it logically makes sense.

More about Tithing/Offering

I asked ChatGPT, and ChatGPT listed 10 reasons.

Other online searches gave similar results.

Let's see which one is the real reason.

Is Obedience to God a Reason?

ChatGPT ▾



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Here are the reasons why God wants people to tithe, based on biblical teachings and Christian theology:

1. Obedience to God's Commandments:

- **Scriptural Mandate:** Tithing is a command given by God in the Bible. Passages such as Leviticus 27:30 and Malachi 3:10 explicitly instruct believers to give a tenth of their income.

No. What God commands us to do is not the reason why God wants us to do it.

Is Support for Church's Financial Needs a Reason?

2. Support for Religious Institutions:

- **Church Operations:** Tithes help maintain church facilities, pay clergy, and support various church activities and missions.
- **Ministry Work:** Funds from tithing enable the church to carry out its ministry work, including outreach programs, community services, and missionary activities.

No. God could easily provides anything a Church needs

Is Trust in God a Reason?

3. Spiritual Discipline and Trust:

- **Faith and Reliance:** Tithing encourages believers to trust in God's provision and rely on Him rather than their own resources.
- **Discipline:** It cultivates financial discipline and stewardship among believers.

No. otherwise, why not giving 50% or even 100%?

Is Expression of Gratitude a Reason?

4. Expression of Gratitude:

- **Thankfulness:** Tithing is a way for believers to express their gratitude for God's blessings and provision in their lives.

No. God doesn't need money. Why would you give God money that God doesn't need to express your gratitude?

Also, expression of gratitude is the reason for offering or donations in other religions.

Is Recognition of God's Ownership a Reason?

5. Recognition of God's Ownership:

- **Acknowledgment:** By tithing, believers recognize that everything they have belongs to God and that they are stewards of His resources.

No. God doesn't need money. Therefore, God doesn't want to have the ownership of money.

You must have the ownership first in order to give to others.

Is Blessing and Reciprocity a Reason?

6. Blessings and Reciprocity:

- **Promises of Blessing:** Scriptures like Malachi 3:10 suggest that tithing opens the door to God's blessings, promising that He will "throw open the floodgates of heaven" for those who tithe faithfully.

No. Blessing and reciprocity is just a fact or phenomenon, not a reason.

Is Promotion of Generosity a Reason?

7. Promotion of Generosity:

- **Cultivating a Generous Spirit:** Tithing helps to cultivate a spirit of generosity, encouraging believers to give cheerfully and support others.

No. promotion of generosity is a reason for offering in most other religions. Therefore, it is not unique to Christianity

Is Community Support and Care a Reason?

8. Community Support and Care:

- **Helping the Needy:** Tithes often fund charitable activities that support the poor and needy within the community, aligning with the biblical call to love and help one's neighbor.

No. Same as previous slide.

Is Spiritual Growth a Reason?

9. Spiritual Growth:

- **Maturity and Growth:** Regular tithing can contribute to spiritual growth, helping believers to mature in their faith and develop a closer relationship with God.

Probably yes, but not specific enough.

Is Unity and Collective Responsibility a Reason?

10. Unity and Collective Responsibility:

- **Strengthening Community:** Tithing fosters a sense of unity and collective responsibility within the church, as members work together to support their shared mission and vision.

No. most other religions promote this. Therefore, it is not unique to Christianity

What Is the Real Reason for Tithing Then?

- A uniqueness of biblical teaching is about human being's sinfulness. No other religions teaches the sinfulness as profound as the Scripture does.
- One of the sins is greedy, or love of money.
- The real reason for tithing is that tithing is an exercise God “designed” for human being for the purpose of overcoming or suppressing human being's major sinfulness: greed aka “love of money”.
- Only this reason can keep a person to tithe sustainably.

What Is the Real Reason for Tithing Then?

- In my opinion, anyone preaching the previous 10 reasons for tithing is equivalent to misuse of God's name.

Exodus 20:7

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

What Is the Real Reason for Tithing Then?

Case study: An email I recently received. We need to be a person of not forgetting our “root”, being grateful and being willing to pay back. But these are not the reasons for tithing.

“” 籌建計劃最新簡報



“我鼓勵過去所有
蒙福的人”，做一個**不忘本、不忘恩**
的人，落實活出“”
的“”核心價值！

把握最後**感恩、報恩**的良機，踴躍
奉獻。只要：

25人 X \$9	 	00
50人 X \$4	 	00
100人 X \$	 	000
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Revisit the Definition of Tithing

Tithing: Tithing usually refers to a practice of giving a portion of your income, typically 10%(?), to a church or religious institution(?).

- 10% is mentioned in the Old Testament, but is not mentioned in the New Testament.
- What would be the right percentage for “tithing” today? It depends. Tithing is an “exercise” like going to gym to lift weights, any percentage that make you feel “painful” or “uncomfortable” would be the right percentage.
- Tithing is not necessarily limited to a church or religious institution. ⁵⁰

Takeaway for Young People

- When deciding which college major to pursue, instead of focusing on majors of future high paying jobs, focus on which major is more likely to enable you to create value independently.
- Take into consideration your talents and other uniqueness, but not necessarily your interest.
- Why not necessarily your interest? Jimmy Yang's dad said so.

“Do what you hate for money, then use the money to do what you love.” - Jimmy Yang's Dad

Takeaway for a Young Woman

Who is likely to have a more valuable and fulfilling life?



Woman A:

- PhD from Ivy League
- Highly successful career
- High net-worth individual
- Having one or no kid

Takeaway for a Young Woman

Who is likely to have a more valuable and fulfilling life?



Woman B:

- No college degree
- Stay-at-home mom
- Having 10 kids
- Running a home business

How is this comparison related to financial freedom anyway?

Let's find the answer in the Scripture.



What Does the Bible Say?

Matthew 6:19

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where
thieves do not break in and steal.

What Does the Bible Say?

Psalm 127:3-5

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

What Does the Bible Say?

Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.

The Myth of “No Pain, No Gain”

What Does the Bible Say?

1 Timothy 2:15

But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

Suffering maybe God's blessing in disguise

What Does the Bible Say?

Proverbs 31

“A wife of noble character who can find? **She is worth far more than rubies.**”

“She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.”

“She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.”

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”

Takeaway for a Young Woman

- The best way for a young woman to create value in her life is to have as many children as she can, and coach them to be godlike individuals.
- Having and bringing up children is a high risk and high reward venture, which is the most meaningful “startup” that a young woman should take.
- Maximum number of Children to have: 10.
- Why? Find out the answer in the Book of Job

What Does the Bible Say?

Job 42:10, 12-13

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before

The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

God doubled Job's wealth but kept the number of his children unchanged.

Fact: 6 to 9 children per Amish Couple

Amish Family Size: How many children is typical?

By Erik Wesner

Amish families are large, with 6-7 and even up to 9 children on average



In contrast to modern society, an Amish couple expects to have a large family, and an Amish woman often becomes pregnant shortly after her [wedding](#). Amish view children as gifts from God, and thus the use of contraception is frowned upon.

<https://amishamerica.com/how-many-children-do-amish-have/>

Fact: Amish people are happier and live longer

“The Amish turn out to be as satisfied with their lives as members of the Forbes 400. Furthermore, their rates of depression are more than ten fold lower than the rest of the American population.”

<https://scienceblogs.com/cortex/2007/03/16/happiness-wealth-and-the-amish>

“It seems that they are certainly on to something, because numerous data points indicate that the Amish live happier and healthier lives than the average American. The Amish have a long life expectancy (in fact it was longer than the average Americans for many decades,”

<https://retirementprof.com/the-amish-are-healthy-and-satisfied-with-life-what-can-we-learn-from-them/#>

Takeaway for People Who Sell Their Time

- We live in a capitalist society.
- Capitalism is just a different kind of “slavery”.
- When you sell your time, you sell your freedom, and you make yourself a “slave”.
- Don’t feel bad about it, your master is likely a graceful human. Most of them are.
- Christians are all slaves of Christ.
- Keep in mind what Paul the Apostle taught us about having the good attitude for being a good “slave”.

What Does the Bible Say?

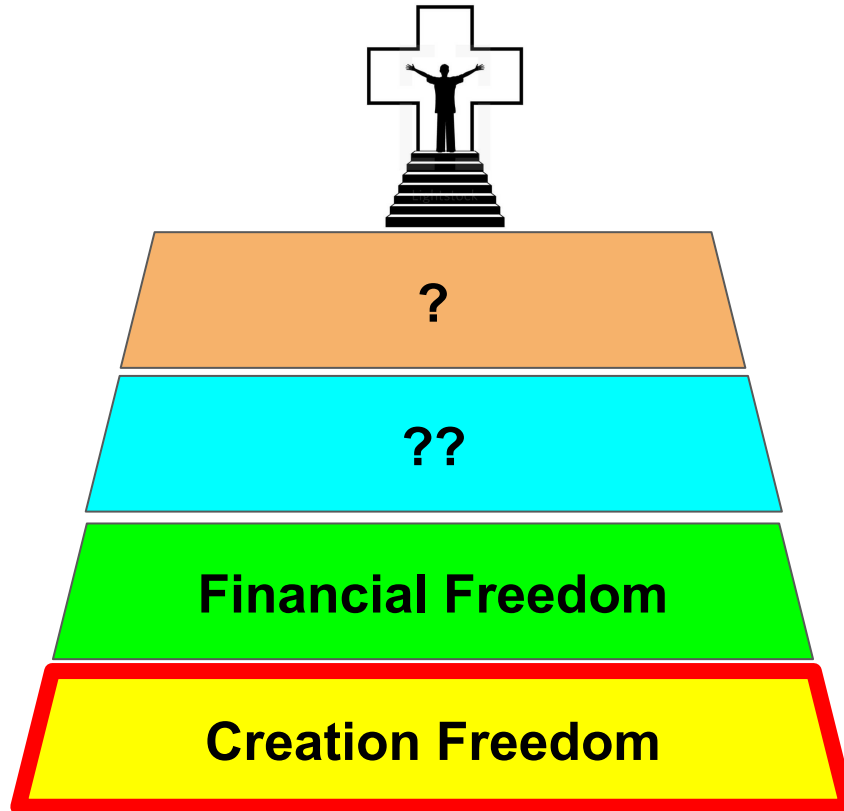
Ephesians 6:5-8

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Be a Slave (aka Employee) with Good Attitude



Four Levels of Freedoms



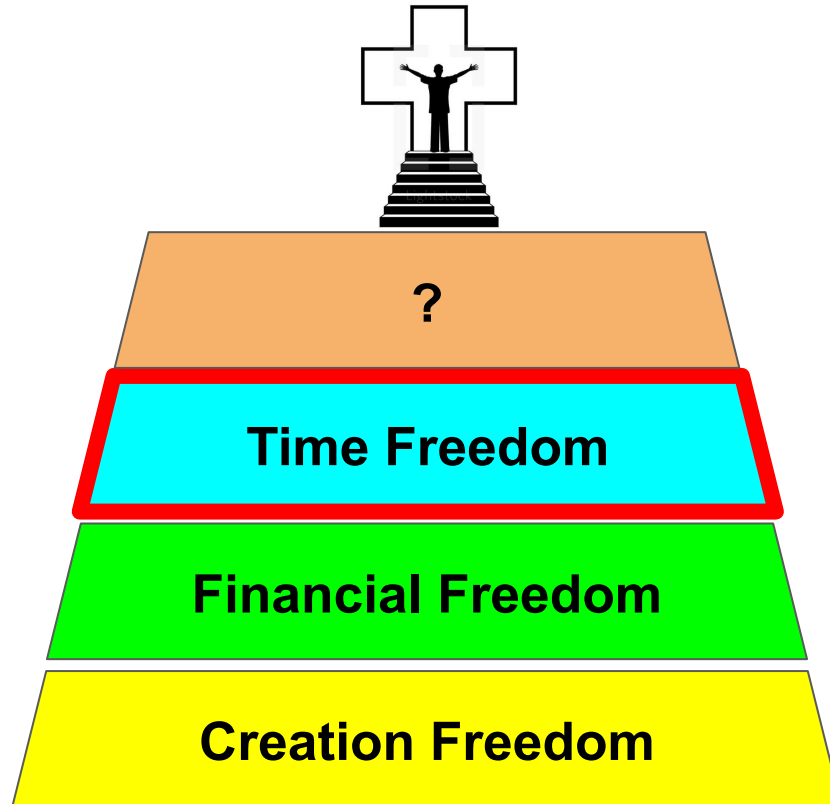
Creation Freedom

- You can create value.
- No one can stop you doing so.
- You own the value you created.
- If you don't have creation freedom, you are a "slave".
- Don't give up your creation freedom easily.
- Being a solopreneur gives you the freedom of creation.

Your Employer Owns Your Creations

- Work for Hire: your employer will own the intellectual property you create or invent during your course of employment.
- In general, if you “sell your time” (Way#1), you give up your creation freedom.
- Exception: California Labor Code Section 2870.

Four Levels of Freedoms



Time Freedom

- The ability to choose how to spend your time without being limited by obligations, deadlines, or expectations.
- It can also be described as being able to do what you want when you want, without anyone owning your time or telling you what to do with it.

Time Freedom

- You may have achieved financial freedom, but you still may not have your Time Freedom
- Being a solopreneur is more likely to have the Time Freedom than a person who runs a billion dollar business.

What Does the Bible Say?

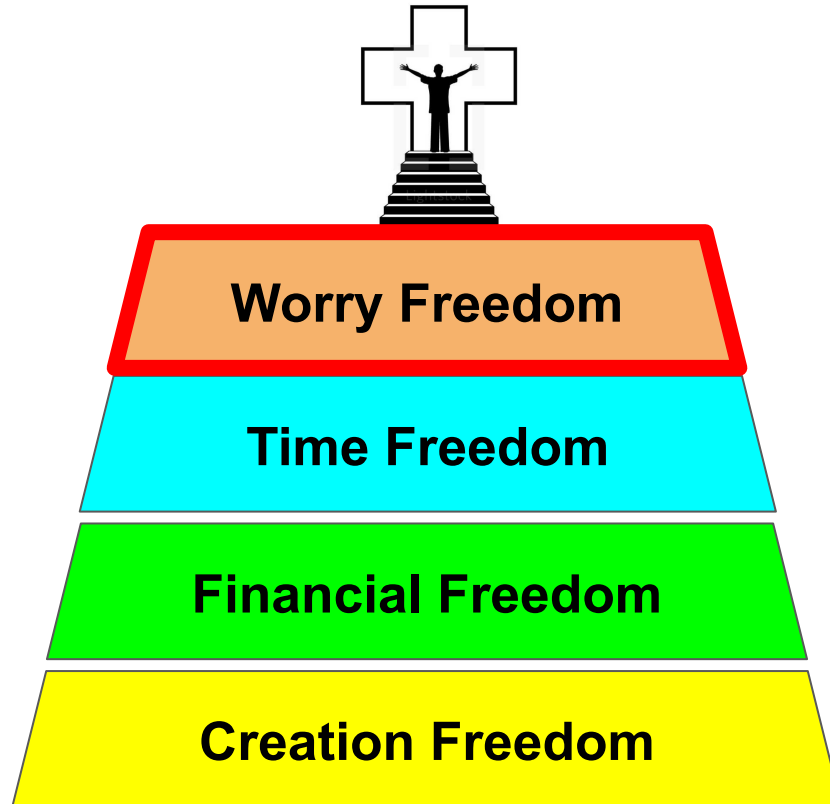
Matthew 16:26

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

An Analogy

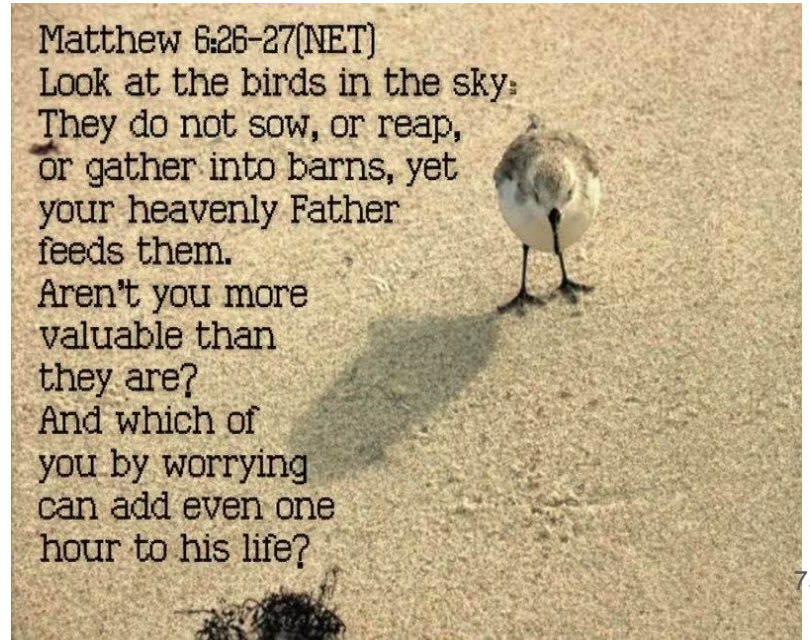
What good will it be for someone to gain the financial freedom, yet forfeit their time freedom?

Four Levels of Freedoms



Worry Freedom

- Being a solopreneur doesn't help too much on this. You can only believe in God to achieve the Worry Freedom



The Scripture and Solopreneurship



- A solopreneur is a secondary “creator”. There are a lot of things to learn from God, the ultimate Creator of the universe.
- In return, being a solopreneur will let you understand God from a very subtle and unique perspective.

Solopreneurship: Be Creative

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- Creativity is the first attribute of God.
- Creativity is the key to the success of a one-person business.

Solopreneurship: Be Creative

Exodus 35:31

and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—

- We also have the Spirit of God, the reason that we can be creative.

Solopreneurship: Be Creative

Genesis 1:2

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

- An inspiration is a light that initiates a creation or invention.
- Thomas Edison: “Success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration”. “1% inspiration” > “99% perspiration”

Solopreneurship: Be Creative

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the one . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

- Keep thinking and waiting for “the light” aka the inspiration.
- Louis Pasteur: “Opportunity favors the prepared mind”

Solopreneurship: Be Creative

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God

- Being still is a “secret code” for being creative. Inspiration is from God that you will be able to capture when you are still and quiet.
- A solopreneur must be very selective about what to do so that he would not be overwhelmed by other things.
- It is a “red flag” if a solopreneur finds himself too busy or mentally/spiritually not peaceful.

Solopreneurship: Be Joyfully Patient

Genesis 1:4/10/12/18/21/25/31

And God saw that it was good. (x6)

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

- Why didn't God create the universe in a split of second?
- Creation is a process of patience and love.
- "Love is patience." (1 Corinthians 13:4)
- Creativity brings about joy and happiness, one of the reasons God created the universe and human being.

Solopreneurship: God is in the Details

Luke 16:10

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much

- The details matter. Optimize the details.
- When attention is paid to the small things it may have the biggest rewards.
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English

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Qiānlǐ zhī xíng, shǐ yú zúxià. Bù jī kuǐbù wú yǐzhì qiānlǐ.

A thousand miles begins with a single step. You can't reach a thousand miles without taking small steps.



Solopreneurship: Sinless Business Model

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death

- Running a business will let you quickly and profoundly understand the relationship between sin and death.
- Most start-ups failed because of the conflicts among co-founders.
- An one-person company is a “sinless” company, just like the Eden Garden before Eve was created.
- Could be the most efficient, no-bullsh*t approach to start a business

Solopreneurship: Find Your Niche

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it

- A solopreneur can only survive and prosper in a niche market.
- A business in a niche market usually is less competitive and offers higher profit margins.

Solopreneurship: Cherish Your Business Brand

Isaiah 42:8

I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

- God hates idols because they dilute God's glory to people.
- A solopreneur needs to create and cherish the brand for the solo-business to distinguish the products or services from other "copycats" and competitors.

Solopreneurship: Be Humble

Proverbs 30:8

give me neither poverty nor riches

- Being a solopreneur is likely to let you to achieve the financial freedom you want, but it is unlikely to make you super rich, which is naturally good for you to be humble.

Solopreneurship: Be Graceful

2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you

- Grace is the unearned, undeserved and unmerited favor that one receives from God.
- Learning from God, a solopreneur is usually at a much more advantageous position to treat customers gracefully and earn the loyalty and trust from customers.

Solopreneurship: Honor Your Parents

Ephesians 6:2-3

Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

- How is this related to solopreneurship?
- Being a solopreneur allows you to work from home so that you can take care of your aging parents at the same time.
- What’s the logic behind “the first commandment with a promise” from God?

My Testimonies: Experiencing God

Testimony 1 (Be Creative): A miracle of how I invented world's smallest and cheapest 10G network TAP lets me have a better understanding of God's creativity.

Testimony 2 (Be Graceful): A story of how I treated a customer gracefully lets me have a better understanding of God's grace.

Testimony 3 (Honor Your Parents): A challenging journey of taking care of my aging parents lets me have a more profound understanding of God's promise in Ephesians 6:2-3. It also lets me see why the American lifestyle will lead to the total collapse of the American society.

Testimony 1

Experiencing God: Be Creative

What Does Experiencing God Mean?

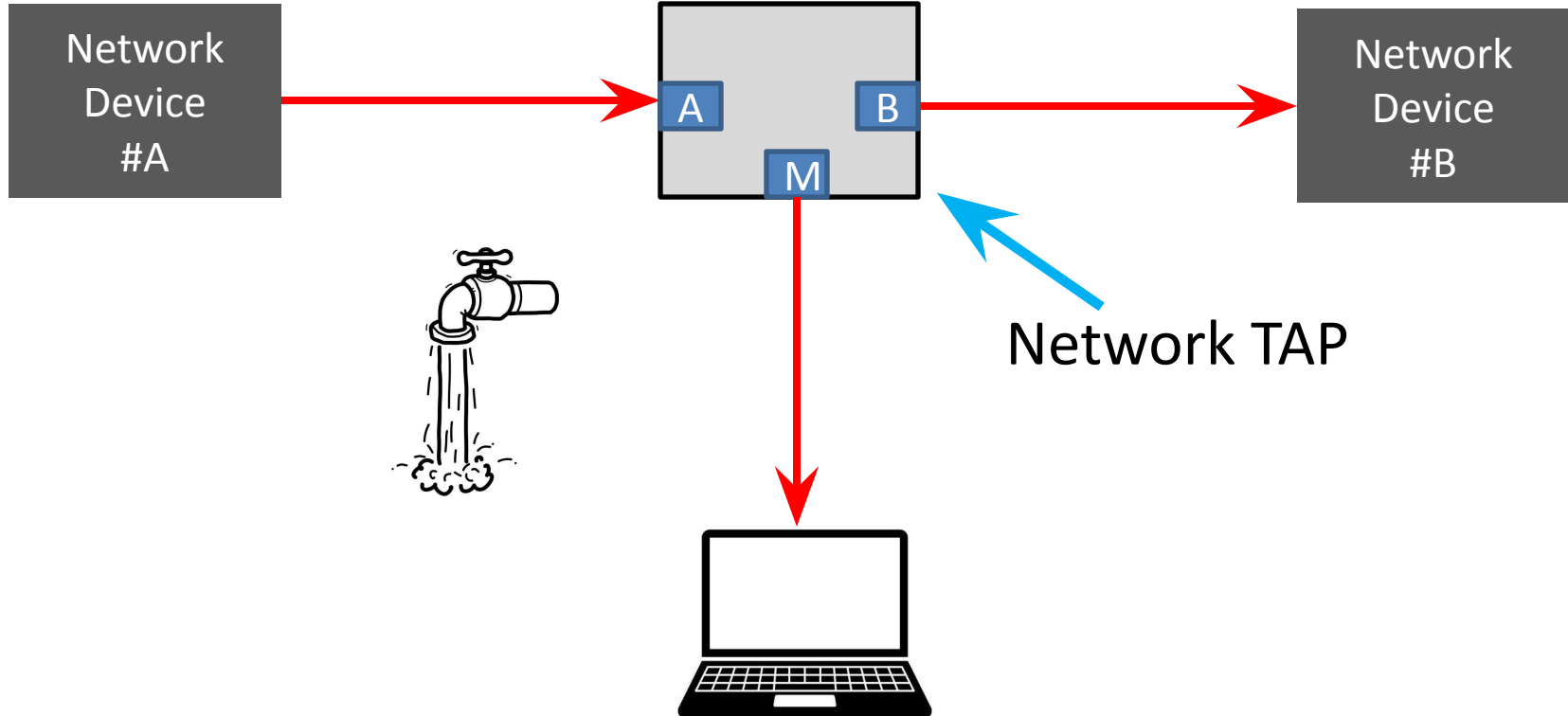
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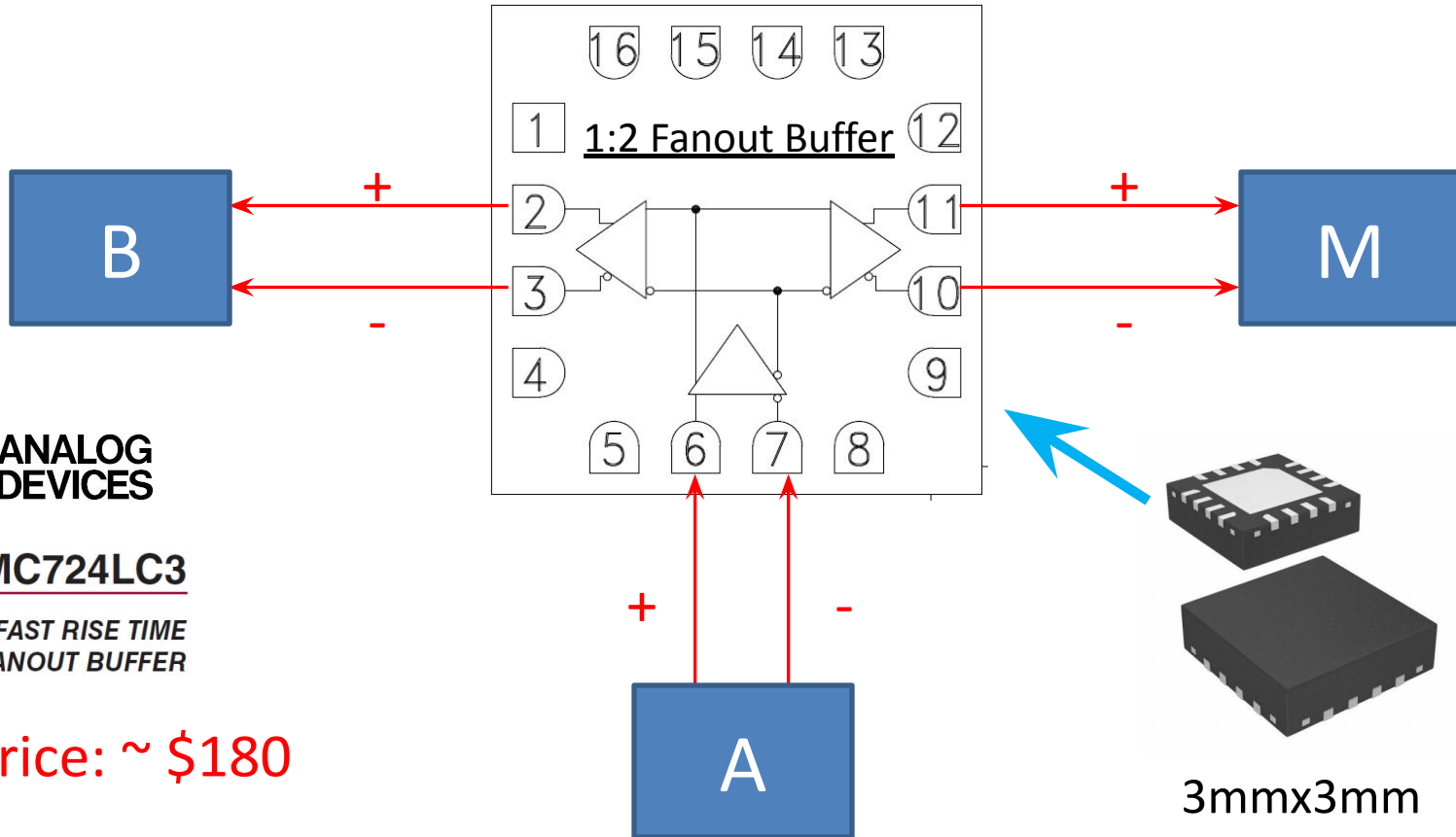
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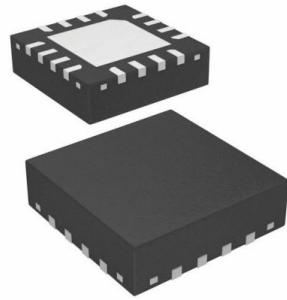
Typical approach in an engineer's mind



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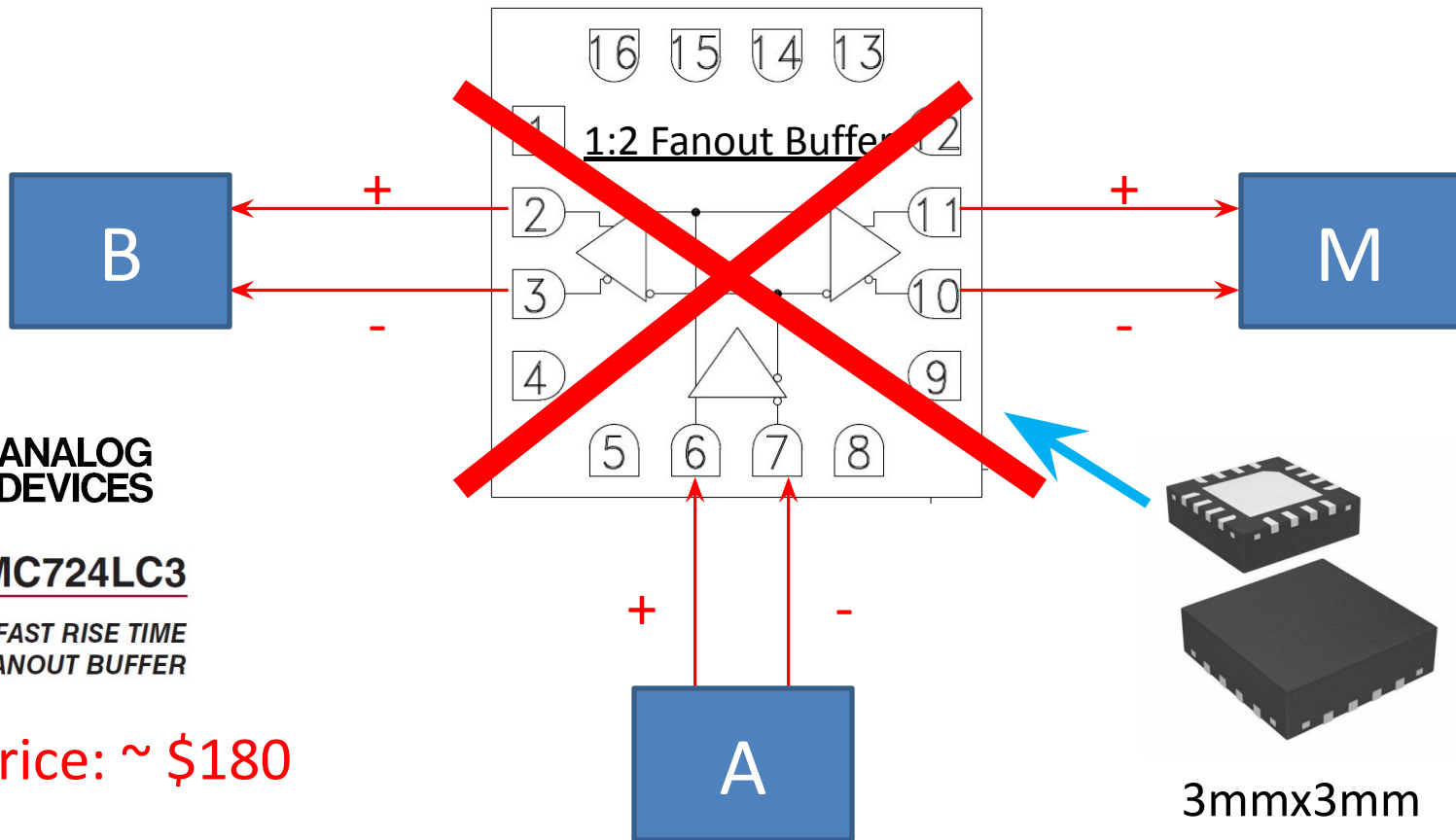
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1:2 FANOUT BUFFER

Price: ~ \$180



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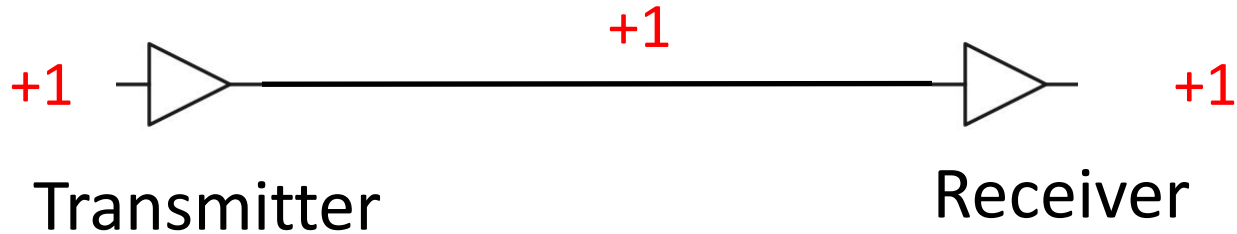
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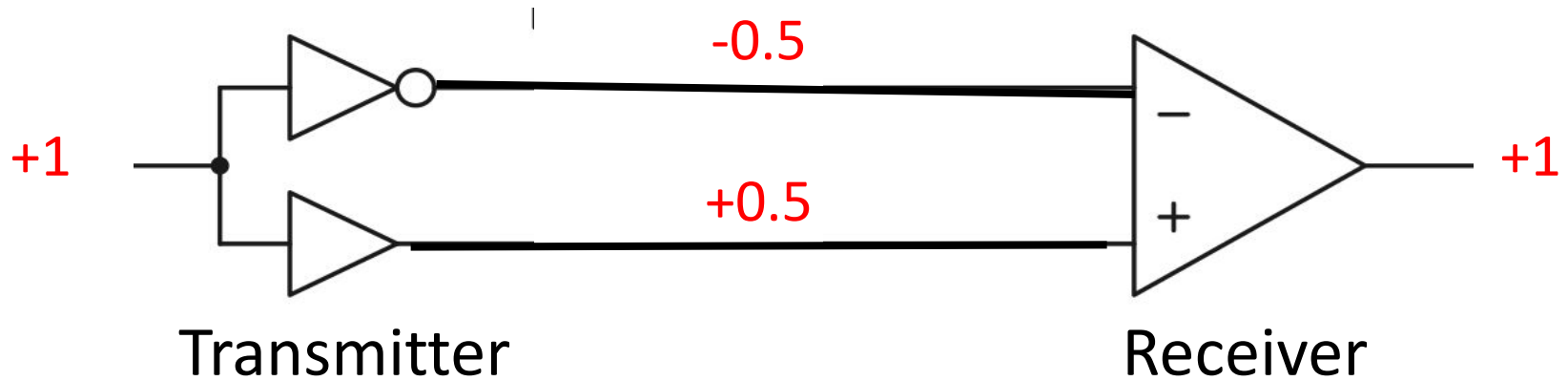
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Also, it is incredibly simple. Anyone without any technical background can understand how it works after a 2-minute crash course on circuit design.

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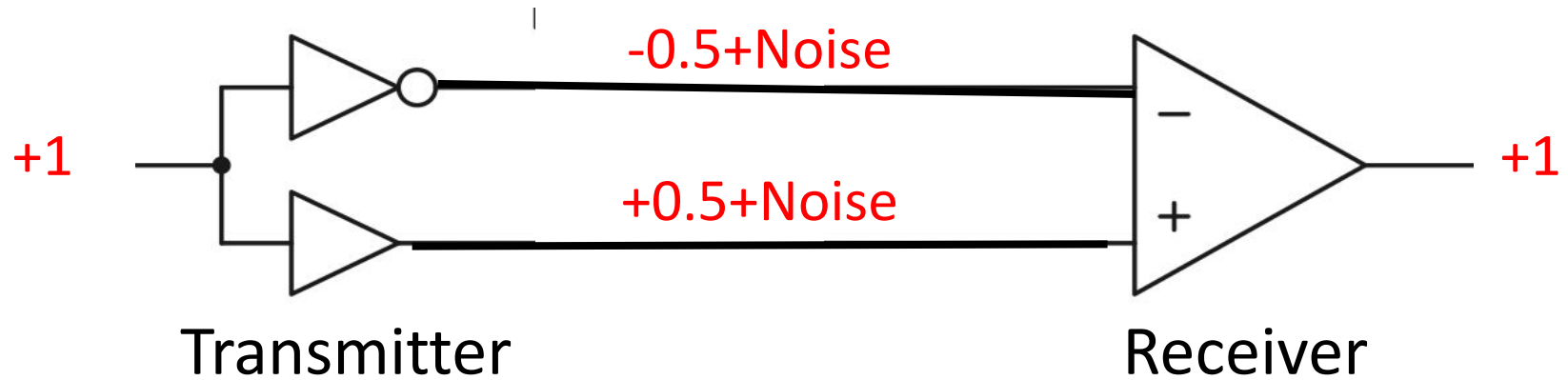


Differential Signal Transmission (two wires)



$$(+0.5) - (-0.5) = +1$$

Differential Signal Transmission (two wires)



$$(+0.5 + \text{Noise}) - (-0.5 + \text{Noise}) = +1$$

- End of Crash Course -





Q: What does experiencing
God mean to me?



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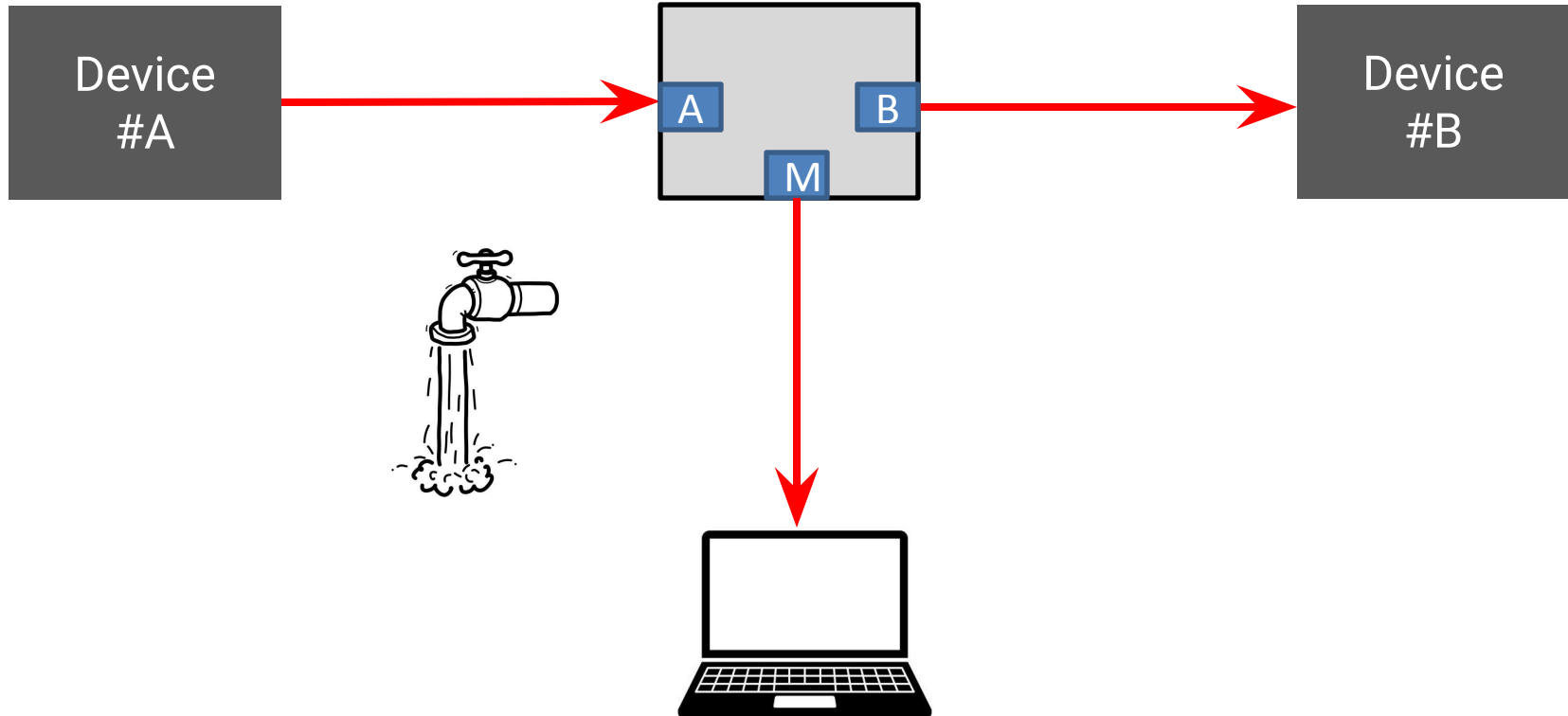
¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

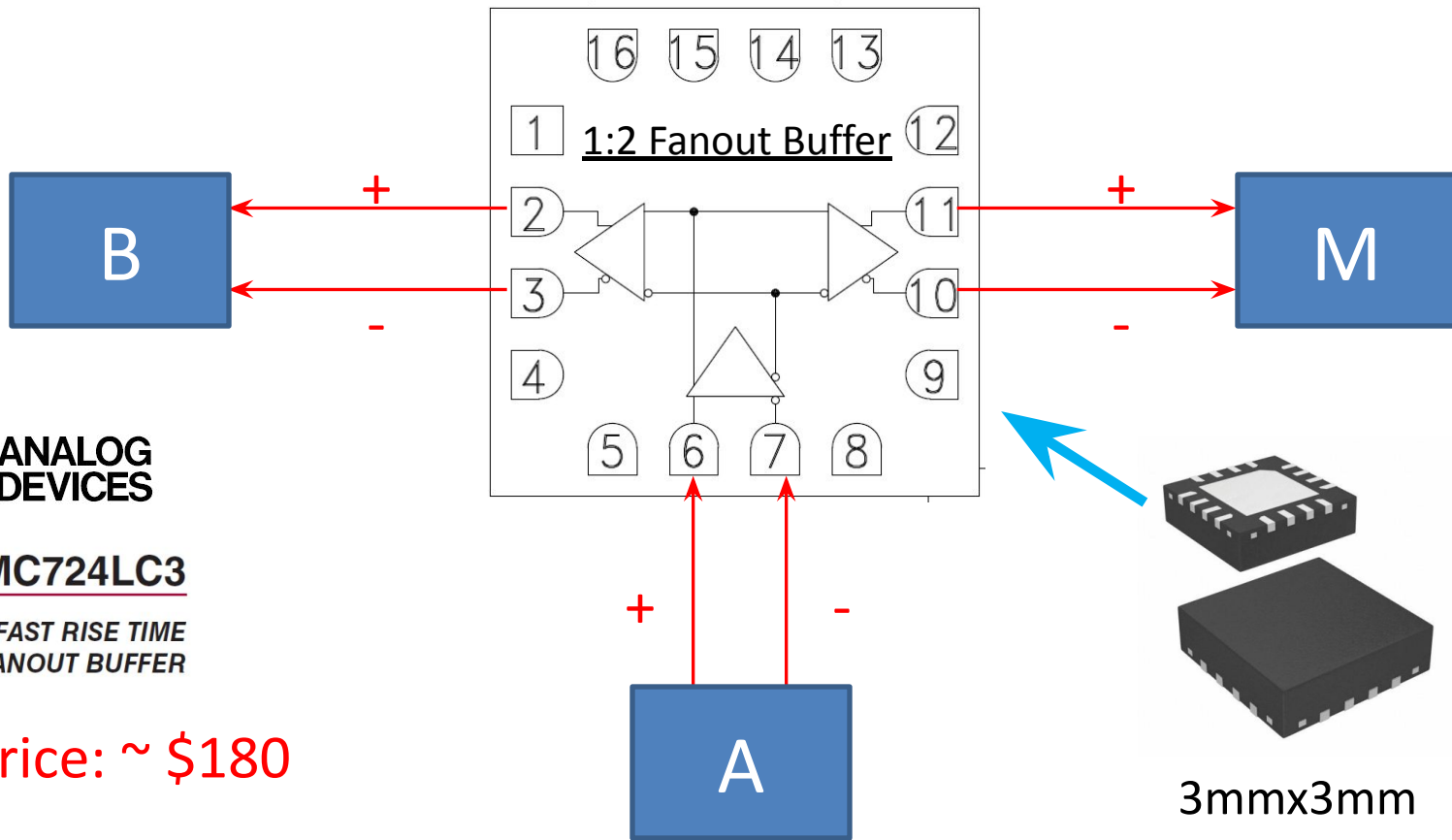
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In the beginning, I had an idea... the idea was **formless** and **empty, darkness** was over the surface of the deep



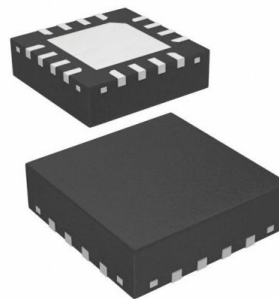
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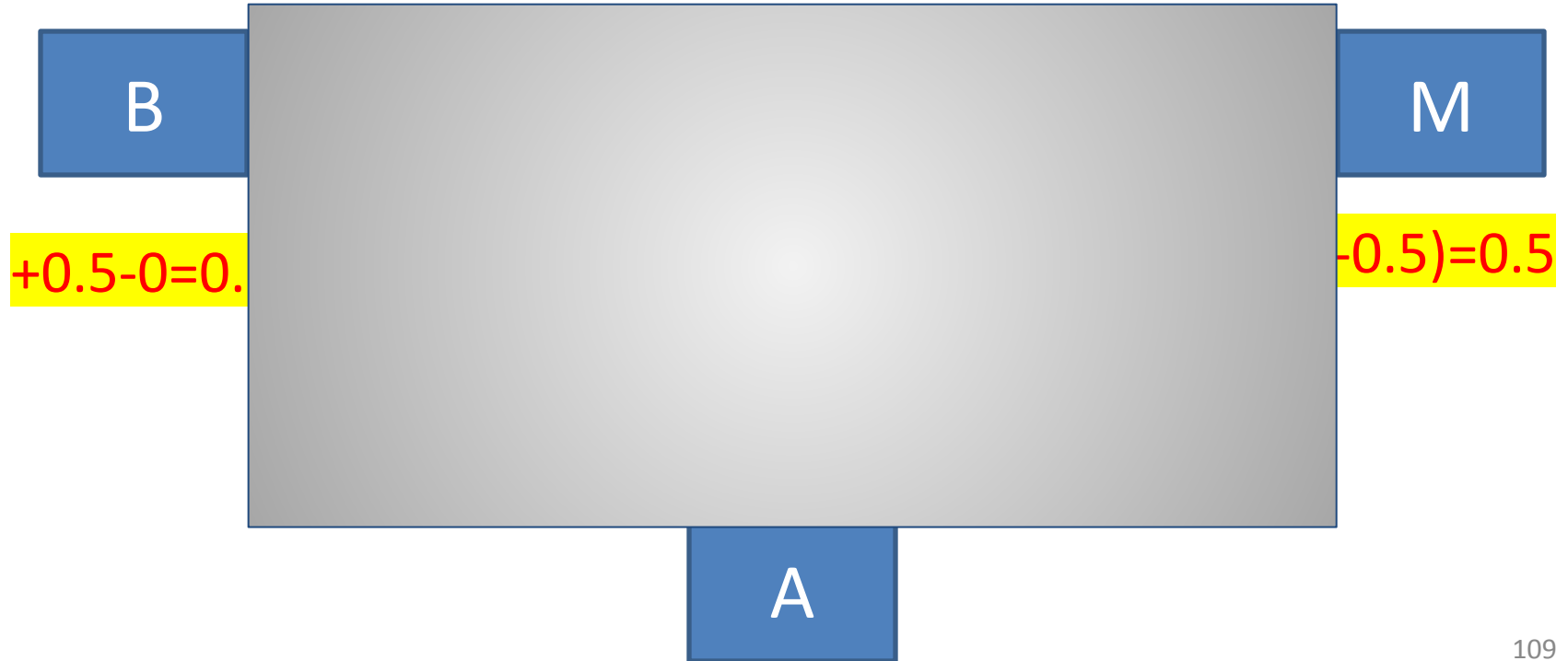
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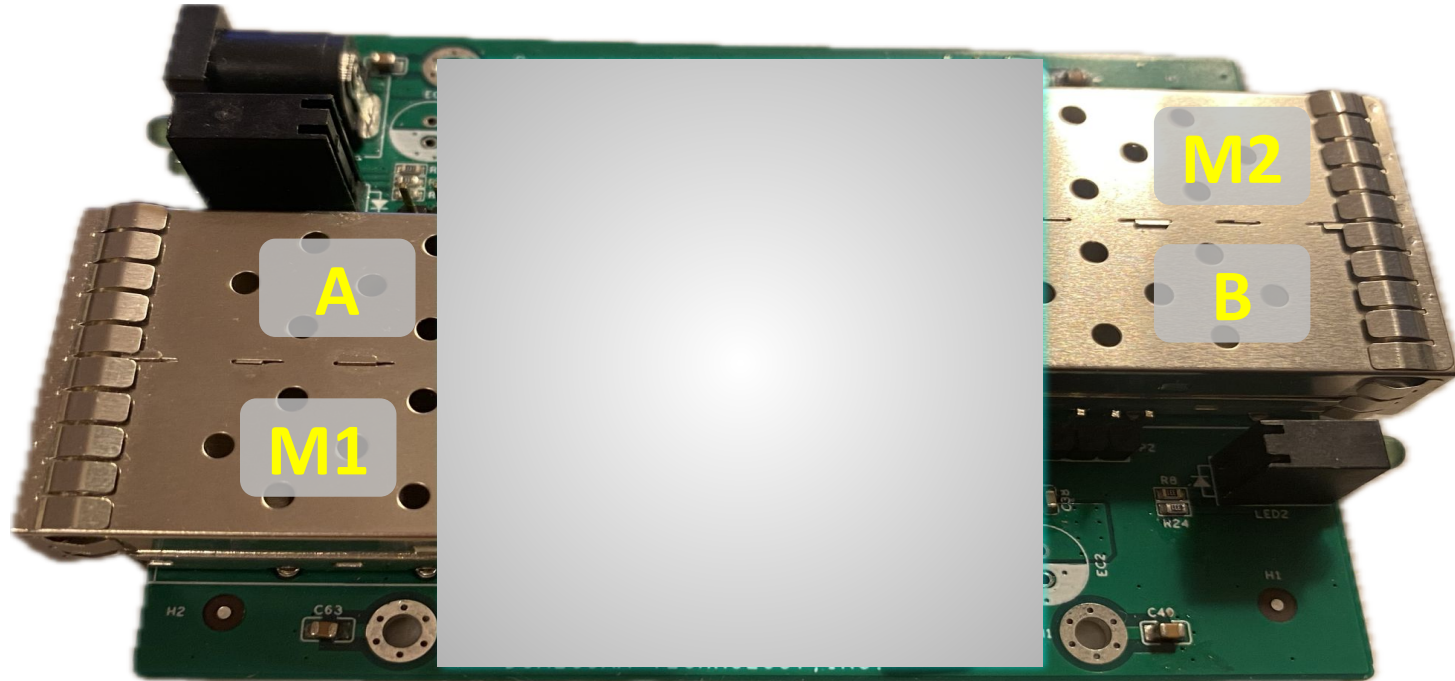


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Suddenly, an inspiration (light) hit me, and I removed the Fanout Buffer. I saw that it was good.



Quickly had a prototype built to prove the idea
It did work as expected!



Started selling them...

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- First of its kind on the market, a "One Size Fits All" Network TAP that is capable of tapping both copper & fiber Ethernet links from 100Mb/s up to 10Gb/s.
- Two inline network ports and two monitor ports are SFP+/SFP slots that support both fiber and copper SFP+/SFP transceiver modules with Ethernet data rates from 100Mb/s to 10Gb/s.
- Eliminate the optical split ratio issue when used as a fiber Network TAP.
- Zero packet delay.
- Industrial operating temperature range from -25°C to 85°C.
- Built-in a small metal case of a cigarette pack size.
- Patent pending.

People can't believe why it is so cheap!

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Search in r/networking

Any thoughts on Dualcomm's new 10TGbE TAP? (ETAP-XG)

Monitoring

I'm looking to get a small portable 10GbE network TAP, for quick ad-hoc network troubleshooting in the field, connected to an analysis laptop/workstation.

Previously, we were using a 1GbE copper one (SharkTap USB-Cap 2)

This basically on the pack

It was basic

I saw that D

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This won't be so it would in place for hours, to days at most, I would think. (We have passive optical taps for anything long-term).

Dualcomm claims zero packet delay, although I don't know how verifiable that is.

The Dualcomm is \$699, whereas the Profishark 10G's I believe are over \$10,000.

(I do lose the POE passthrough from the SharkTap, so I guess I'll still keep that in the toolkit)

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I even sold them to US NAVY!

As part of SEWP RFQ, we are looking for Open Market pricing for the following products:

SEWP: 245620

Agency: NAVY-NAVAIR-Air Systems Command

Agency POC: [REDACTED]@us.navy.mil

Due Date: 25-AUG-2022

Federal Government has a requirement for FOB DESTINATION.:

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10G Network TAP	ETAP-XG	30	Dualcomm Technology, Inc.
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Please confirm if the products are TAA compliant, alternatively you can provide the County of Origin (COO)?

Please also confirm the shipping fee and lead time.

Please indicate if support/maintenance is included in the pricing.

Also, DIY filed a patent application

(12) **United States Patent** **He**

(54) **NETWORK TAP CAPABLE OF TAPPING A 10GBPS NETWORK LINK**

(71) Applicant: John He, Danville, CA (US)

(72) Inventor: John He, Danville, CA (US)

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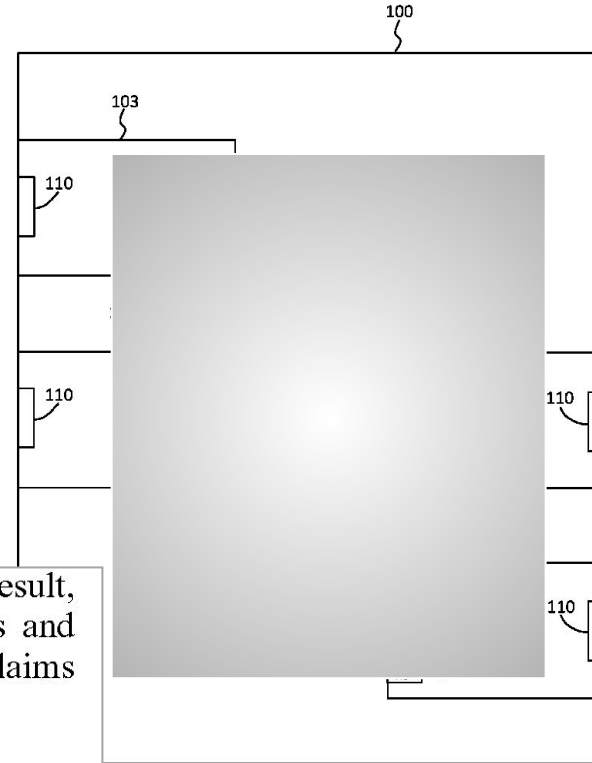
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(22) Filed: **Dec. 29, 2021**

60 within the true spirit and scope of the invention. As a result, the invention is not limited to the specific examples and illustrations discussed above, but only the following claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

65 **1.** A network test access network link between a fir network device comprising



...eventually got the patent granted!

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To me, this is unbelievably a miracle
and a blessing from God!

Why?

Such a simple and useful idea should have
been invented and patented by someone else
at least 25 years ago!

Q: What does experiencing God mean to me?

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A: 1) Experience what has been said in the Bible.

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2) Experience miracles and blessings from God.

The Bible Is So True!

We human beings are made of God's image. Therefore, there should be a lot of similarities between God and us. This is probably why we can experience and understand what are said about God in the Bible. As for the graces from God, we can experience them, but hard to explain them. Nevertheless, they should be equally true.

Testimony 2

Experiencing God: Be Graceful

Solopreneurship: Be Graceful

Testimony




Recently, a customer emailed me for discounts. At that time, there was no promotions available, and I knew he would place an order without any discount. However, I thought this person might be financially tight and some saving might help him. I then created a discount code just for him. This made the customer happy, and he placed the order shortly.


Moral of the story #1: Because we are made of God's image, we can give grace to other people like God gives grace to us.




Moral of the story #2: Don't forget to ask for discounts if you buy from a one-person or small business 😊.

Solopreneurship: Be Graceful

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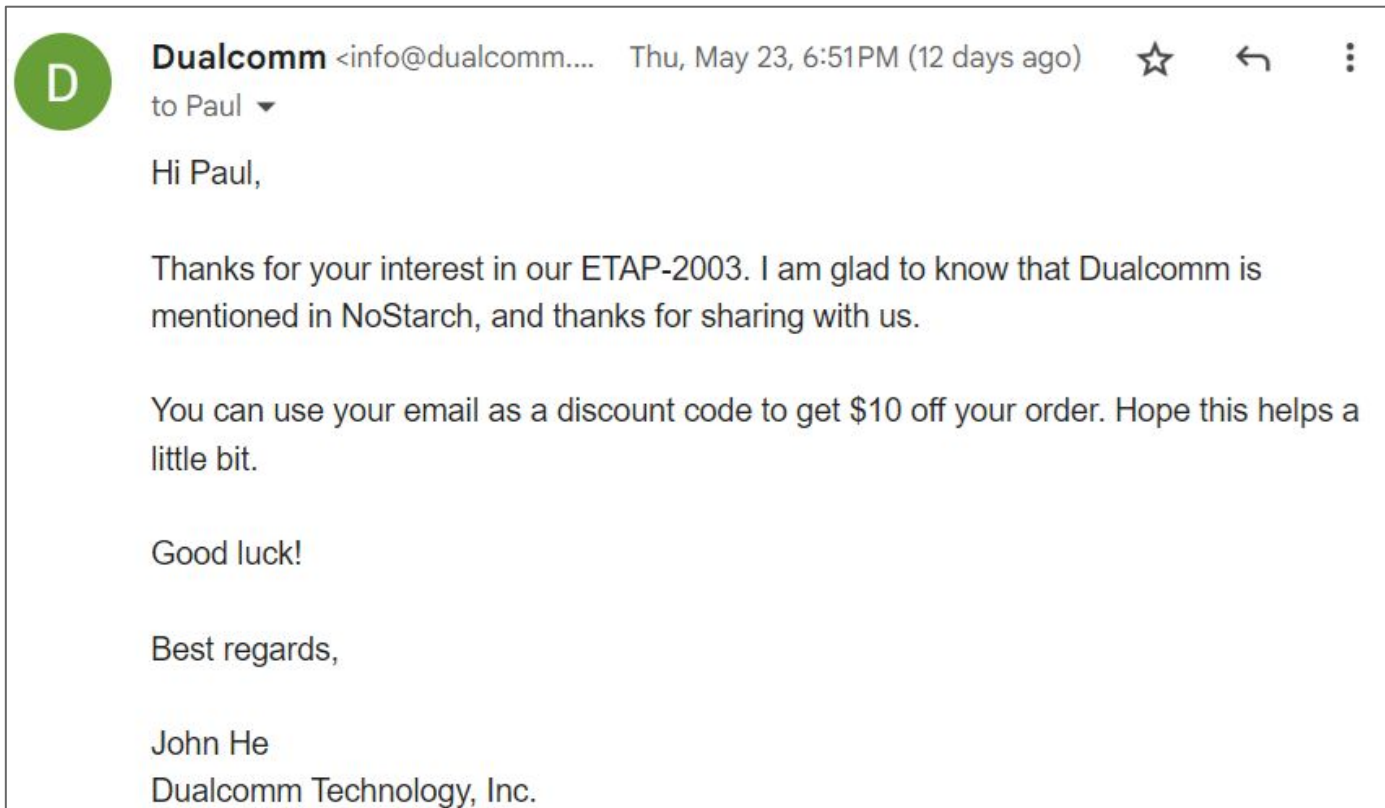
Before I hit the "pay now" button for an ETAP-2003 on your site, may I get a legit discount code if any are currently available?

I had a 10/100 SharkTap in the past, but was looking for no-loss, full-gigabit speed tap when I randomly found you mentioned in a sample page for NoStarch Press book on small network security: [Sample Page "Cybersecurity for Small Networks" NoStarch Press](#)

Thanks,
Paul

Solopreneurship: Be Graceful

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Solopreneurship: Be Graceful

Testimony

A solopreneur or one-person business is in a much more advantageous position to treat customers gracefully because customers are dealing with the owner of the business directly. That customer would be amazed if he knew he got a discount code dedicatedly created for him by the business owner.

Luckily, our God is a personal God, and each of us deals with our God directly. Quite amazing, isn't it?

When I think of this, I feel it both so unreal and so real.

Testimony 3

Experiencing God: Honor Your Parents

Testimony - A reason why I became a solopreneur

In 2014, my father was diagnosed to have the colorectal cancer. One day, he said to me: I am so sorry that I am now such a big burden to you.

I said to him: I know you would be my “burden” even 10 years ago. That’s one of the reasons why I “forced” myself to quit my full-time job and to start bootstrapping my own business. Otherwise, as most of my jobs have been outsourced to overseas, very likely I am now unemployed already, not even able to take care of myself. Therefore, I should thank you for being my “burden”.

During that time, I often showed my father order notifications that popped up on my phone screen and told him that although I was taking care of him 24/7, I was still making money.

My father quickly stopped worrying being my burden and he even curiously and joyfully asked me: how could you do that? I answered: I am very blessed.

Testimony - A reason why I became a solopreneur

One day, while reading Ephesians 6, I recalled the conversation with my father, and I suddenly understood the logic behind the God's promise in Ephesians 6:2-3.

The logic is when a man is willing to take the responsibility of taking care of his aging parents, the man will have hard times ahead. As the popular quote says, hard times make strong men, strong men make good times, I believe this is what Ephesian 6 says: "so that it may go well with you".

A man without any responsibility will rarely have hard times, but will end up being a weak man and having hard times in his life.

That's why I said more than once to my younger son Daniel: When I am getting very old, the last thing I can do to help you is that I become a burden to you. This is how you may be blessed and have a long life according to God's design.

Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And, weak men create hard times.

An Observation Based on Paul's Teaching in Ephesians 6

The coming collapse of America

- God gives responsibilities to young people by two means: having their own children and taking care of their aging parents
- However, in America, it is parents' own responsibility for their retirements (401K, IRA, life insurances and long-term care insurances). This removes the responsibility of taking care of aging parents from young people.
- As the result, young people will have less and less motivation to have their own children. This removes the responsibility of having their own children from young people.
- America eventually becomes a society that young people don't have any responsibilities. They became weak men with hard times ahead.
- Another consequence is that people can't find sustainable happiness from life and they can't find the purpose of life.
- The whole American society dies, ending the empire of the United States

“Faith without deeds is dead” (James 2:26)

Reality?



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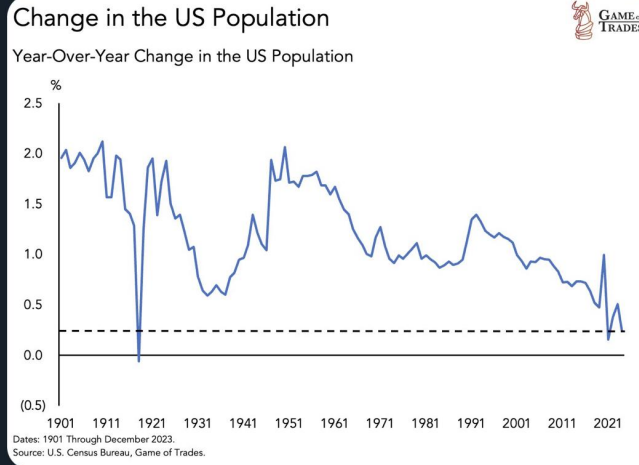
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ALERT: US population growth has completely collapsed

Reaching levels near 0% = almost NO growth

This is worse than even the Great Depression



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An Observation Based on Paul's Teaching in Ephesians 6

The coming collapse of America

- Taking care of elderly parents at home is actually taught in the Bible (Timothy 5:4).
- Why have churches rarely preached this topic and condemn today's American life style of elderly parents taking care of themselves?
- This reveals the “useless” or “dying” spiritual situation of today's christian population in the US and the western European countries.

Timothy 5:4

“But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God”

An Observation Based on Paul's Teaching in Ephesians 6

The coming collapse of America

- Amish people is probably the only exception among the christian population.

“The Amish do not have retirement homes. The elderly normally live in an apartment in the home of one of their children or in a *Grossdawdy Haus*, a small adjacent house. Esteemed for their wisdom, the elderly find meaning and dignity as they assist their adult children. Surrounded by droves of grandchildren, they pass on the wisdom, joys, and secrets of Amish life to the rising generation.”

<https://groups.etown.edu/amishstudies/social-organization/family/>

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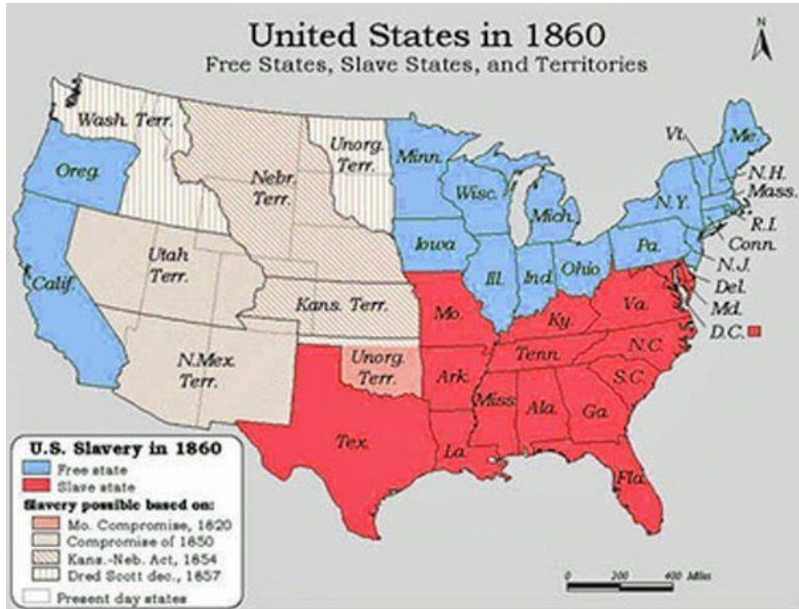
The coming collapse of America

- Other religions or cultures such as Islam do a better job by not only teaching people to take care of their elderly parents at home but also making it compulsory by law.
- Islam: the responsibility of children to care for their parents and treat them kindly is **compulsory**. If elderly people do not have children, the responsibility to care for them is transferred to society.
- In the traditional Chinese culture: 父母在不远游，游必有方 (When your parents are alive, do not travel far. If you do have to travel, be sure to have a plan to take care of aging parents) .

Additional Thoughts

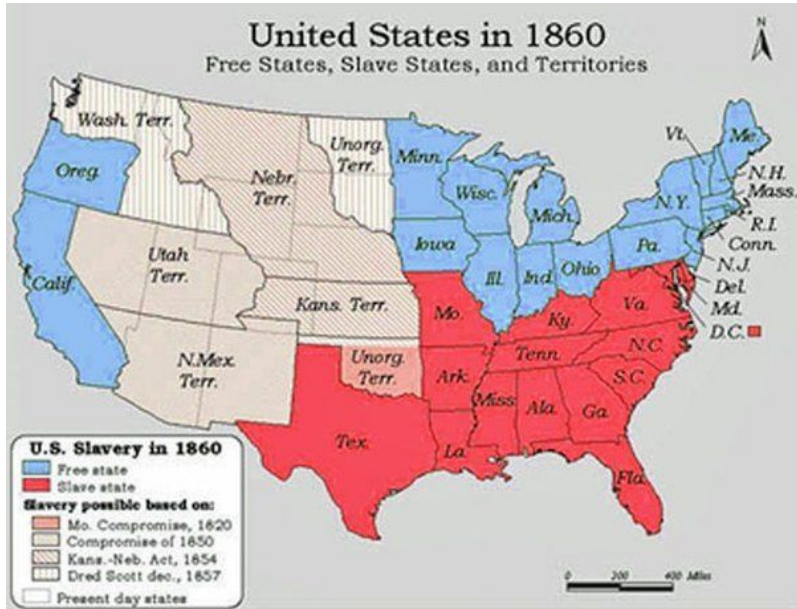
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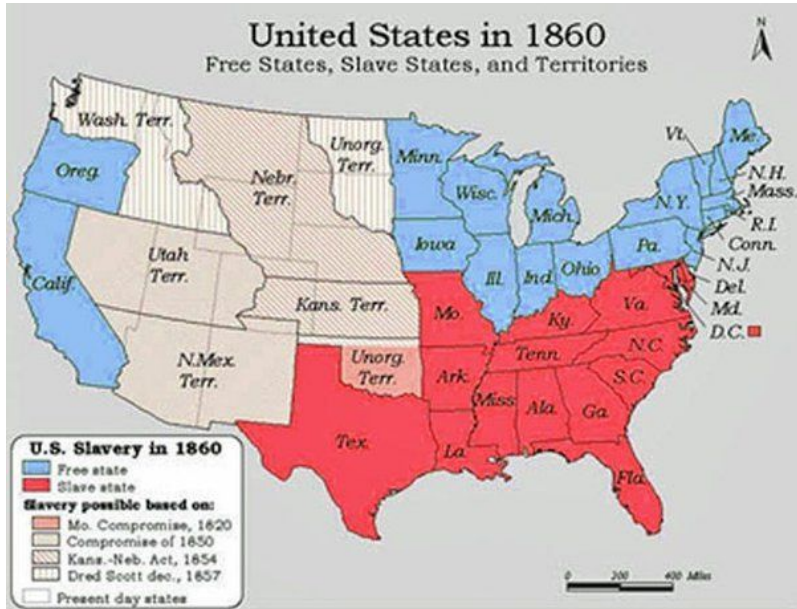


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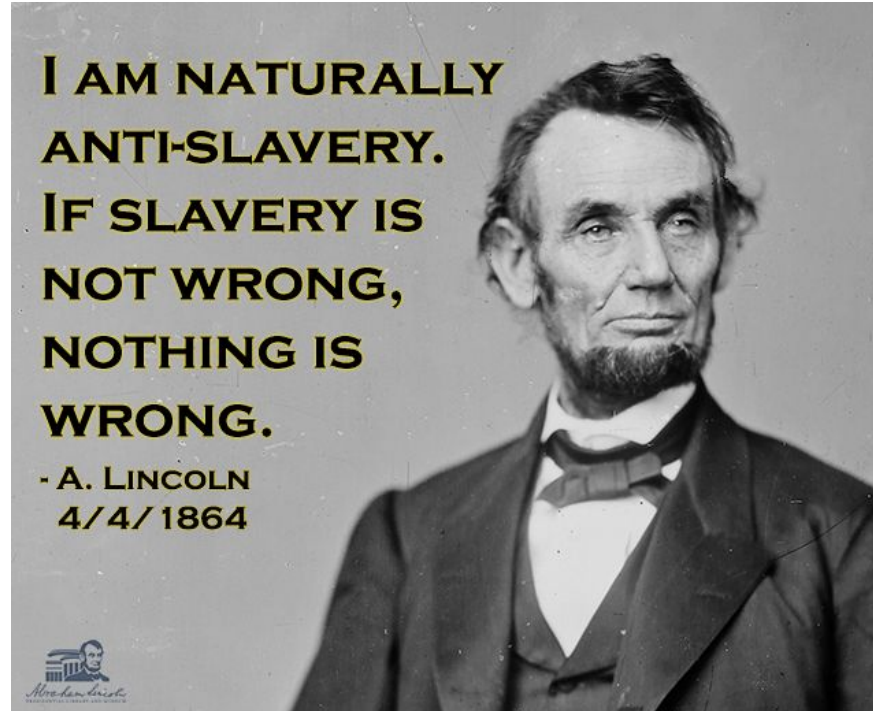
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Why were pro-Christianity States also pro-Slavery States?

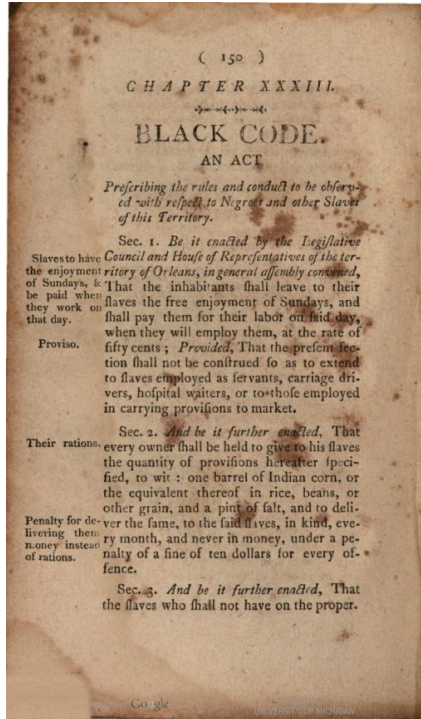
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Probably slavery was not as wrong as Lincoln believed?



Additional Thoughts about Slavery.

Louisiana Black Code 1806

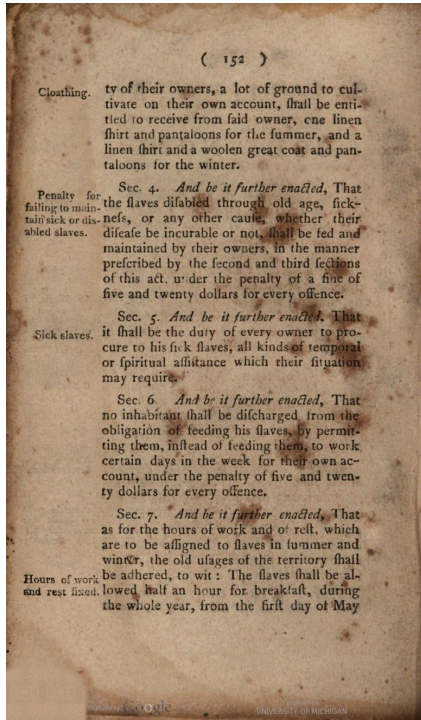


“That the inhabitants shall leave to their slaves the free enjoyment of Sundays, and shall pay them for their labour on said day, when they will employ them, at the rate of fifty cents”

“Every owner shall be held to give to his slaves the quantity of provisions hereafter specified, to wit: one barrel of Indian corn, or the equivalent thereof in rice, beans or other grain, and a pint of salt, and to deliver the same to the said slaves, in kind, every month, and never in money, under a penalty of a fine of ten dollars for every offence”

Additional Thoughts about Slavery.

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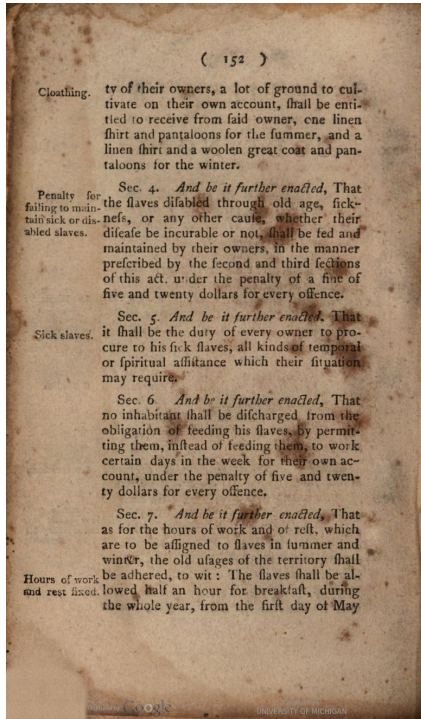


“The slaves who shall not have on the property of their owners, a lot of ground to cultivate on their own account, shall be entitled to receive from said owner, one linen shirt and pantaloons for the summer, and a linen shirt and a woolen great coat and pantaloons for the winter”

The slaves disabled through old age, sickness or any other cause, whether their disease be or not, shall be fed and maintained by their owners, in manner prescribed by the second and third sections of act, under the penalty of a fine of five and twenty for every offence.

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“It shall be the duty of every owner to procure to his sick slaves all kinds of temporal and spiritual assistance which their situation may require.”

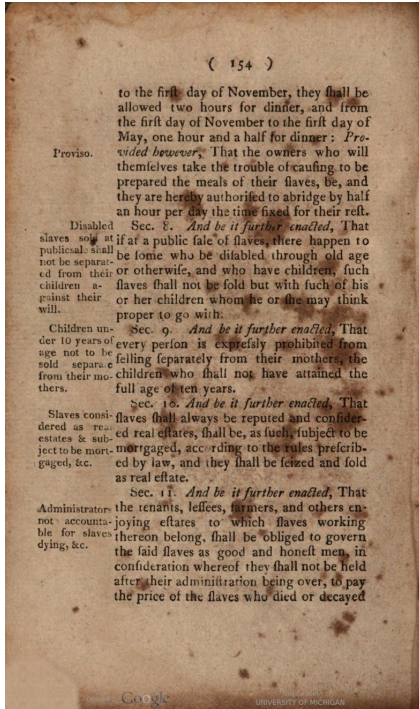
“No inhabitant shall be discharged from obligation of feeding his slaves, by permitting them, instead of feeding them, to work certain days in the week for own account, under the penalty of five and twenty for every offence.”

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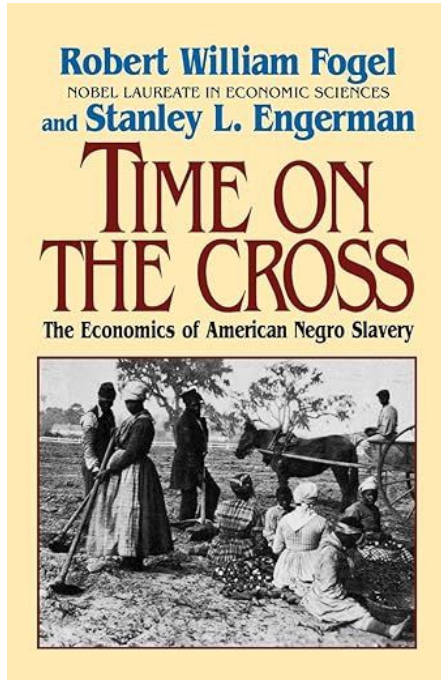
“If, at a public sale of slaves, there happen to be some who be disabled through old age or otherwise, and who have children, such slaves shall not be sold but with such of his or her children whom he or she may think proper to go with.”

“Every person is expressly prohibited selling, separately from their mothers, the children who shall not have attained the full age of ten years.”



Additional Thoughts about Slavery.

Book: Time on the Cross By Robert Fogel

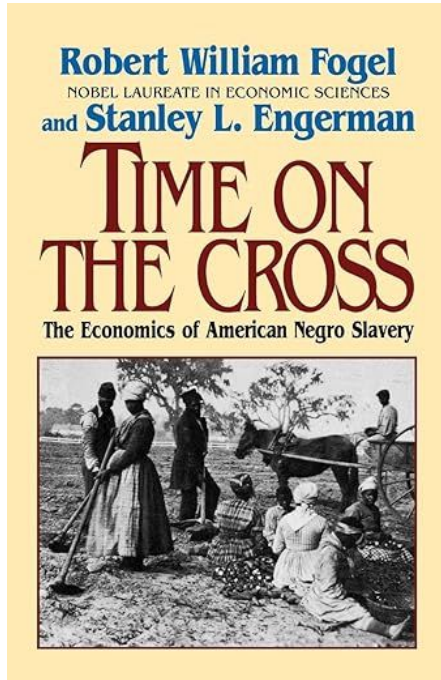


Robert William Fogel (July 1, 1926 – June 11, 2013) was an American economic historian and scientist, and winner (with Douglass North) of the 1993 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

“Fogel discovered that slavery was an economically rational institution and that the economic exploitation of slaves was not as catastrophic as presumed, because there were financial incentives for slaveholders to maintain a basic level of material support for those they held as property”

Additional Thoughts about Slavery.

Book: Time on the Cross By Robert Fogel



The principal corrections that Fogel and Engerman felt needed to be made in this traditional view are:

- Slavery was not an economically irrational system. The price of slaves was justified by the profits to be earned with slave labor.
- Slavery was not economically moribund on the eve of the Civil War and there was no evidence that it would have ended without political intervention.
- Plantation agriculture based upon slave labor was not economically inefficient. It may have been significantly more efficient than family farming.

<https://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/watkins/fogel.htm>

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**TIME ON
THE CROSS**
The Economics of American Negro Slavery

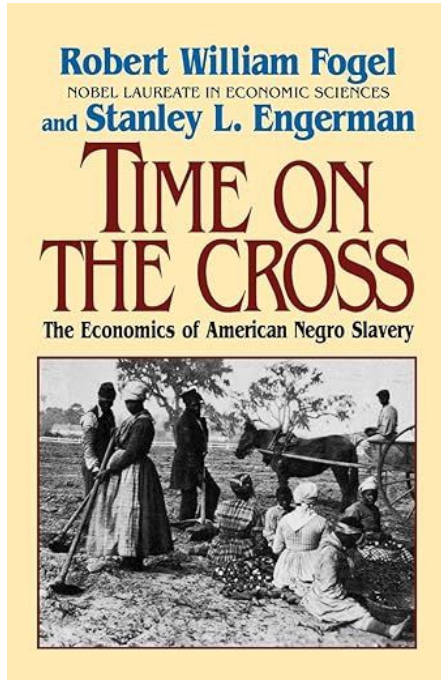


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- The material standard of living of slaves in the South compared favorably with that of free workers in industry.
- Over the course of a field-hand slave's lifetime he received about 90 percent of the value of his production.
- The economy of the antebellum South was not stagnating. In the period between 1840 and 1860 per capita income increased faster in the South than in the rest of the country.

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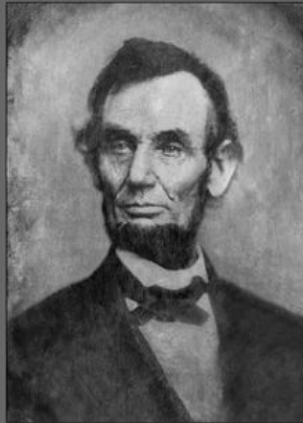
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Being pen-pals with Marx wouldn't make him a Marxist.
Believing in—and crudely espousing—Marx's laughable 'Labor Theory of Value', however...



“Some have laboured, and others have, without labour, enjoyed a large portion of the fruits . . .

To secure to each labourer the whole product of his labour . . . is a most worthy object of any government.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“Fragments on the Tariff”

1858

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The International Workingmen's Association 1864

Address of the International Working Men's Association to Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America

Presented to U.S. Ambassador Charles Francis Adams

January 28, 1865 .f.a.l.

Written: by Marx between November 22 & 29, 1864, and included in the Minutes of the General Council on 29th November 1864;

First Published: *The Bee-Hive Newspaper*, No. 169, January 7, 1865, and in German translation in *Der Social Demokrat* on 30 Dezember 1864;

Source: The General Council of the First International 1864-1866, Progress Publishers;

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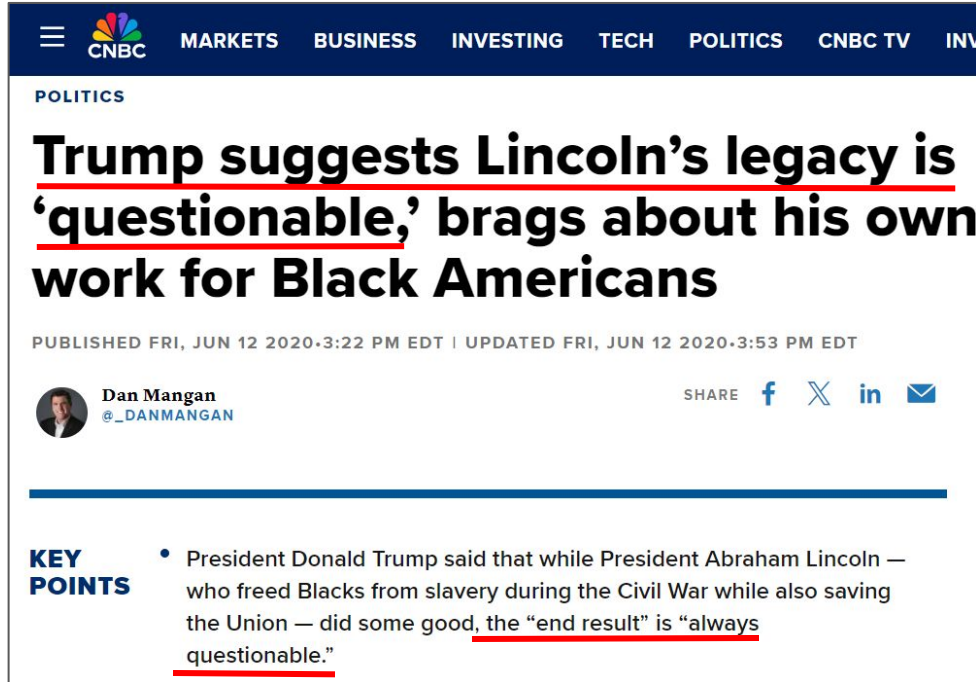
Lincoln was not a Christian

In April of 2000, Brian Lamb of C-SPAN's Booknotes asked about this when interviewing Allen Guelzo, author of the intellectual biography *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*, which goes into detail about Lincoln's views on religion):

Prof. GUELZO: . . . Many religious people, many Christian believers who read this book experience a sense of disappointment, because they may have read in a number of other places or heard from a number of other quarters that Abraham Lincoln was a Christian.

Well, **the truth of the matter is that, no, he was not.** He was exposed to Christian influences all through his life. He knew Christian people. He worked with Christian people, worked with Christian ideas. But Lincoln never joined a church, never was actively involved in any kind of Christian organization; in fact, really had only the most minimal religious profile in his own day.

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The image shows a screenshot of a CNBC news article. The top navigation bar includes the CNBC logo and categories: MARKETS, BUSINESS, INVESTING, TECH, POLITICS, CNBC TV, and INV. The article is categorized under POLITICS. The main headline is "Trump suggests Lincoln's legacy is 'questionable,' brags about his own work for Black Americans". Below the headline, it says "PUBLISHED FRI, JUN 12 2020-3:22 PM EDT | UPDATED FRI, JUN 12 2020-3:53 PM EDT". The author is Dan Mangan (@_DANMANGAN). There are social media share icons for Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Email. A "KEY POINTS" section is visible at the bottom left, containing a bullet point about President Donald Trump's statement regarding Lincoln's legacy.

KEY POINTS

- President Donald Trump said that while President Abraham Lincoln — who freed Blacks from slavery during the Civil War while also saving the Union — did some good, the “end result” is “always questionable.”

- Trump is probably right about Lincoln.
- Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation was unconstitutional, violating the 10th Amendment.
- American civil war is actually a communist movement, similar to the Chinese civil war, the difference is that one was under the false name of liberating black people, the other was under the false name of liberating poor people.
- The end result is disastrous to the whole nation including black people.
- Lincoln should be rated as the worst president of the US.
- American slavery history has been demonized by the US mainstream media with lies and propagandas.

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Why Was the American Civil War Bad even for Black People?

- The slavery system in the southern states was more like life-long permanent employment for black people.
- The civil war totally destroyed the economy in the southern states, forcing most black people to become jobless, making their living situation much worse.
- Racial segregation was the result of the civil war, not so-called “racism”.
- Black people being lynched by white people occurred only after the civil war.
- Only 5% of black kids lived in a single-parent family before the civil war. Today 80% of black kids live in a single-parent family.
- No black people were homeless before the civil war. It is my understanding that the slavery system in America was formed just for the purpose of preventing black people from becoming homeless.

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- The correct understanding of slavery, particularly the American slavery history, is important to our Christian faith.
- This is because slavery is rarely condemned in the Bible, which has been used as an excuse by people to discredit the Bible.
- It can reduce “Wokeness” that prevents people from understanding the biblical teaching correctly.
- For example, most pastors and faith leaders today are not able to interpret Ephesians 5:22 correctly or they just skip talking about this verse, only emphasizing the “husbands love wives” part.

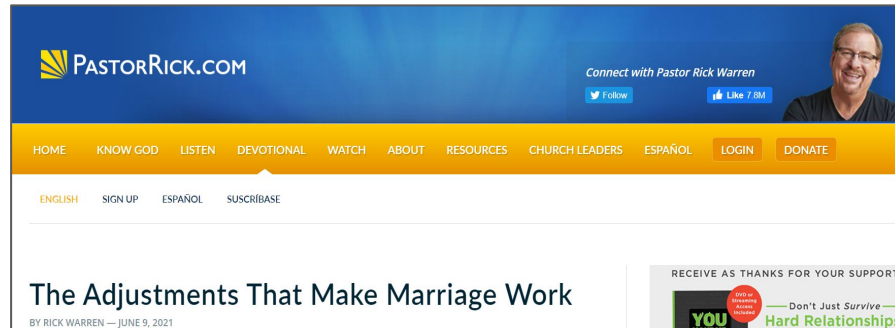
Ephesians 5:22

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The screenshot shows the website for Pastor Rick Warren. The header is blue with the logo 'PASTORRICK.COM' on the left and a profile picture of Pastor Rick Warren on the right. Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with links for HOME, KNOW GOD, LISTEN, DEVOTIONAL, WATCH, ABOUT, RESOURCES, CHURCH LEADERS, ESPAÑOL, LOGIN, and DONATE. Below the navigation bar is a white section with links for ENGLISH, SIGN UP, ESPAÑOL, and SUSCRÍBASE. The main content area features an article titled 'The Adjustments That Make Marriage Work' by Rick Warren, dated June 9, 2021. To the right of the article is a small graphic that says 'RECEIVE AS THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT' and 'Don't Just Survive - Hard Relationships.' with a 'YOU' logo.

<https://pastorrick.com/the-adjustments-that-make-marriage-work/>

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- Rick Warren altered “Submit to one another” to “Submit to each other”
- “one another” refers to three or more people. “each other” refers to two people.

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- Households relationships: wives and husbands, children and parents, and slaves and masters.

English Standard Version (ESV)

making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives and Husbands

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Children and Parents

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Bondservants and Masters

⁵ Bondservants,^[a] obey your earthly masters^[b] with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service

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- Pastor Rick Warren purposely altered the meaning of Ephesians 5:21. That's probably why he used two different versions of English Bible (TLB and NLT). The Living Bible (TLB) is a paraphrase or rewrite of the Bible, not a serious and truthful translation. Pastor Rick Warren should have known that!

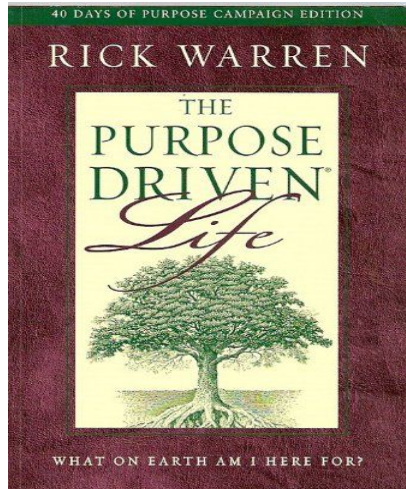
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- Why did Pastor Rick Warren purposely altered the meaning of Ephesians 5:21 and misled people?
- My answer is his "Wokeness". It is an instance of how wokeness can pollute people's mind to see the truth of God, even people as influential as Rick Warren.



From Wikipedia:

Rick Warren is an American Baptist evangelical Christian pastor and author. He is the founder of Saddleback Church.

In 2004, more than 10,000 churches of various denominations attended a seminar or a conference led by Warren

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Consequence of the Mistaken Interpretation

- The New Testament Household Codes: Ephesians 5:21-22 is about the order for christian households.
- Mutual submission between spouses will never work due to our sinfulness.
- Rick Warren's purposely mis-interpretation is harmful to the harmony in marriages, and lead to chaos and breakup of marriages.
- We shall be very careful in interpreting and understanding God's Words. It is like entering "through the narrow gate".

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it"

“there is nothing new under the sun”

(Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Thank You