

## What Is Wrong with Capitalism?

*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.  
--1 Corinthians 10:31*

I heard a broadcaster say that capitalism has failed us. He went on to say that capitalism has caused business to implement unscrupulous practices. I believe the problem is not capitalism; the problem is the lack of fear of the Lord. When we compromise Biblical principles in the way we treat others, we undermine the blessing of the Lord. This applies to business as well as individuals

The person who was speaking cited how businesses compromise the truth or take advantage of their customers. We have all experienced business dealings when we were not valued as a customer. Sometimes we have even experienced companies that do not stand behind their products. Some of us have worked for companies that do not value their employees. They have not taken care of their employees or considered their good. Many businesses have cheated their workers out of well-deserved earnings. (Some employees have stolen from employers either by taking goods or not giving an honest effort during their work hours.)

There are two biblical principles violated with these practices. The first is treating others as we want to be treated. Matthew 7:12 tells us, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." The second principal violated is one of the Ten Commandments. The first commandment (Exodus 20:3) tells us, "Thou shall have no other gods before Me". When businesses or individuals put profit above the way they treat people their god is money. Some businesses love the Lord and treat their customers as Christ would have them treat others.

Capitalism has not failed Americans. Americans have failed capitalism by not adhering to biblical principles.