

Golden Rules

Measuring Life by a Different Standard

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Much of the current political rhetoric has focused on border security and qualifications, but history tells us that most people “vote with their pocketbooks.” While it may not be the primary media focus for the moment, the economy is always paramount among voters.

Whether you are liberal or conservative, the central core of many ‘doctrines’ revolves around the Almighty Dollar. Just ponder Voltaire’s curious quote: *‘when it is a question of money, everybody is of the same religion.’* Hopefully, these quips and quotes will insert a little levity into these divisive issues.

- *Wealth is any income that is at least one hundred dollars more a year than the income of one’s wife’s sister’s husband.*
- *Nothing ruins a class reunion like a fellow who has managed to stay young looking and get rich at the same time.*
- *Why does a slight tax increase cost you hundreds of dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?*
- *A taxpayer is someone who doesn’t have to take a civil service exam to work for the government.*
- *If Patrick Henry thought that taxation without representation was bad, he should see how bad it is with representatives.*
- *A recession is like an unfortunate love affair. It’s a lot easier to talk your way in, than it is to talk your way out.*
- *There is nothing heroic or dramatic in trying to squeeze inflation from an economy. You’re trying to treat the hangover, and the fun is in the night before.*
- *Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.*
- *Our nation’s economy is based on the belief that we shouldn’t practice it.*
- **And from The Best of Johnny Carson:** *Did you read where the IRS is suing a Madame in Nevada? Isn’t that poetic justice? Both of them do the same thing to the American public!*



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