“If you owe your bank a hundred pounds, you have a problem. But if you owe a million, it has.”   
― [John Maynard Keynes](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/159357.John_Maynard_Keynes)

“People were poor not because they were stupid or lazy. They worked all day long, doing complex physical tasks. They were poor because the financial institution in the country did not help them widen their economic base.”   
― [Muhammad Yunus](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1254841.Muhammad_Yunus), [Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle against World Poverty](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/1390141)

“One of the Great Rules of Economics According to John Green  
If you are rich, you have to be an idiot not to stay rich. And if you are poor, you have to be really smart to get rich.”   
― [John Green](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1406384.John_Green)

“In regards to the price of commodities, the rise of wages operates as simple interest does, the rise of profit operates like compound interest.   
  
Our merchants and masters complain much of the bad effects of high wages in raising the price and lessening the sale of goods. They say nothing concerning the bad effects of high profits. They are silent with regard to the pernicious effects of their own gains. They complain only of those of other people.”   
― [Adam Smith](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/14424.Adam_Smith), [the Wealth of Nations](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/1373762)

“There is one and only one social responsibility of business–to use it resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits so long as it stays within the rules of the game, which is to say, engages in open and free competition without deception or fraud”   
― [Milton Friedman](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5001.Milton_Friedman)

“There’s class warfare, all right, but it’s my class, the rich class, that’s making war, and we’re winning.”   
― [Warren Buffett](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/756.Warren_Buffett)

“It's unwise to pay too much, but it's worse to pay too little. When  
you pay too much, you lose a little money - that's all. When you pay  
too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you  
bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The  
common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a  
lot - it can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well  
to add something for the risk you run, and if you do that you will  
have enough to pay for something better.”   
― [John Ruskin](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1606.John_Ruskin)

“If the ordinary wage-earner worked four hours a day, there would be enough for everybody and no unemployment -- assuming a certain very moderate amount of sensible organization. This idea shocks the well-to-do, because they are convinced that the poor would not know how to use so much leisure. In America men often work long hours even when they are well off; such men, naturally, are indignant at the idea of leisure for wage-earners, except as the grim punishment of unemployment; in fact, they dislike leisure even for their sons.”   
― [Bertrand Russell](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/17854.Bertrand_Russell)

“The government is indeed an institution, but "the market" is nothing more than an option for each individual to choose among numerous existing institutions, or to fashion new arrangements suited to his own situation and taste.”   
― [Thomas Sowell](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2056.Thomas_Sowell), [Knowledge and Decisions](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/6908)

“Inequality of wealth and incomes is an essential feature of the market economy. It is the implement that makes the consumers supreme in giving them the power to force all those engaged in production to comply with their orders. It forces all those engaged in production to the utmost exertion in the service of the consumers. It makes competition work. He who best serves the consumers profits most and accumulates  
riches.”   
― [Ludwig von Mises](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/46766.Ludwig_von_Mises), [Economic Freedom and Interventionism](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/1941982)

“Need is not demand. Effective economic demand requires not merely need but corresponding purchasing power.”   
― [Henry Hazlitt](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2062.Henry_Hazlitt), [Economics in One Lesson: The Shortest & Surest Way to Understand Basic Economics](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/6894)