

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Edge Hill, Cairns

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A Minute from a Minister

How to be a Christian Economist

Now, I know that Economics probably doesn't get you excited like it can me. But, I hope that in some ways you recently have been and are living out some 'spiritual economics' i.e. that you are practicing what I'm calling 'spiritual constrained optimisation'. What?! I hear you say.

Well, economics is about how best to allocate your limited resources (like your time, money, energy) in a way that optimises the outcomes in your life and the lives of others. And we are still living with many COVID-induced restrictions. So, how can you live as a Christian each day and week that makes for the best outcomes (optimisation), despite all the restrictions (the constraints)? I.e. practice 'spiritual constrained optimisation'?

Well, it's what we've just recently looked at, that "first" you and I will 'seek God's kingdom and his righteousness.' (Matthew 6:33) I.e. the first/highest/greatest priority in you life and mine is and will be to live under God's good rule/word, be godly. And then, to help and encourage others to also do that.

Economists love mathematical models and graphs and charts. Like, on a 'popular level', have you seen the finance reports by Alan Kohler on the ABC news? It's enough to get you excited! Part of what's good about Kohler's reports is that he can boil lots of data down to the essentials. Well, on that topic, Chris is preaching to us today about us all doing 'essential work'. Because living for God and his will being done in your life (& mine) and others' is 'essential work'.

Yes, there are still numerous things we can't do as a church, numerous groups which can't yet resume. However, in the midst of these constraints, I encourage and urge you to 'optimise' what you can do. For, each day each of us can still live for God's glory. So, practice these things and you will be practising 'spiritual constrained optimisation'! 😊 —

"So ... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

(1 Corinthians 10:31 and 15:58)

Cameron

† Today's Message: The events of 2020 should **make God's people realise we are essential workers**

Rev. Chris Forder

† Today's Bible Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and Psalm 127:1-2

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