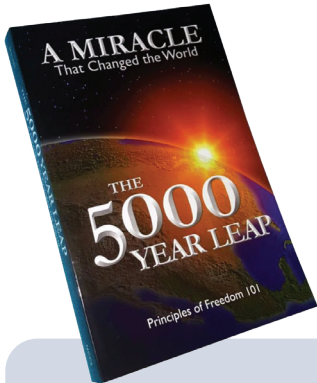


# The 5000 Year Leap Principle #7

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Read Principle 7 Equal Rights, Not Equal Things in the book *The 5000 Year Leap* and discuss the questions below.

This book resource is available in our store at:

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## Discussion Questions

- ★ *What was something new or interesting you learned from reading this principle?*
- ★ *What popular proposition did the founders believe was a fallacy?*
- ★ *What did the founders believe would happen if the government were given the authority to equally distribute goods?*
- ★ *In what way does guaranteeing equal rights protect the freedom to prosper? What types of laws encourage prosperity?*
- ★ *What do you think about the founders' desire to protect Americans from being locked into the poverty level? Did the founders' idea to protect freedom and provide equal rights instead of equal things work and increase the prosperity of the nation?*
- ★ *What were some of the problems Benjamin Franklin identified with the welfare system in England?*
- ★ *Which idea from the list of what Skousen calls "calculated compassion" do you think is most interesting?*
- ★ *What examples of entitlement have you seen personally and in society from people who feel they can demand to be given things from others that they haven't earned? Does this help or hinder them in the end?*