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**CHAPTER SIXTEEN: THE BASIS FOR ECONOMIC
GROWTH**

Study Questions

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1. What is the only way to increase real wealth for everyone? According to Henry Van Til, what is the relationship between religion and culture? Illustrate what happens when effects the religious basis of culture is transformed. What does Christianity tend to produce? What extremes does the Bible work to restrain? Can the Christian framework of freedom within law simply be introduced into a non-Christian culture? [This seems to recall something about new wine and old wineskins]. How does **P. T. Bauer** summarize the **ideology of pagan countries**? Why is autonomous capitalism not the answer?
 2. What did **Ludwig von Mises** realize after he came to America? What did **Edward Banfield** find to be the fundamental causes of **institutional poverty** in this country? What does the “lower-class individual” need? What lessons should be drawn by those who wish to be *genuinely charitable*?
 3. What **action plan** is needed if we are going to do more than subsidize poverty? [Lenin wrote a book, *What Is to Be Done?*, with his own action plan]. What does Chilton mean by evangelism? What must be abolished? [This list resembles a similar list in Bastiat’s *The Law*].
 4. What is the key to cultural transformation? What is this illustrated by the religious and economic history of England? [Gertrude Himmelfarb later wrote a book that recommends the lessons of late 18C-early 19C England]. What von Mises attributes to “the philosophy of private enterprise and initiative” Chilton finds to be grounded in the earlier evangelistic efforts of George Whitefield and his companions. What two **critical factors** are presupposed by the only ultimately productive economic system?

Review

capital accumulation
Edward Banfield
action plan

P. T. Bauer
lower-class individual
critical factors

ideology of pagan countries
Ludwig von Mises