

EMPLOYMENT PREPARES YOU TO BE AN ENTREPRENEUR

People often ask what the best way is to prepare for one's own business. They ask, "Which school should I go to? What course should I take? Who is the mentor I should choose?" Ako, ang sagot ko sa kanila, "Go, be employed!"

When I tell people this, they think I'm weird kasi most of them believe na lugi sila pag naging empleyado lang sila! Kasi daw ang employer lang nila ang yumayaman. Pero ang tanong ko, "Bakit feeling mo lugi ka, ano ba ang ipinuhunan mo sa negosyo ng employer mo?" Di ba your skills and talent lang? Isn't it only fair that you get compensated for these through your salary?

What people do not realize is that as an employee, they get to learn how to do business using someone else's money. When they make wrong decisions, hindi pera nila ang nawawala, kundi yung sa boss nila? They also get a chance to be mentored by a true business practitioner (who they also call boss), and not just by teachers who, most of the time, do not even have businesses of their own. While you get a grade from the exams your teachers give, an employee gains valuable life experiences when they assigns them.

And because of how the business environment is set up, an employee is forced to face his weaknesses and deal with his flaws if he wants to succeed. In the process, he gets the chance to develop traits that no school can ever teach such as perseverance, excellence, humility, compassion, kindness, etc.

While going to school is very important, it is equally important to learn how to apply the knowledge you've acquired before you venture into your own business. Luke 16:12 (NASB) says, "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" Being employed is good because it gives you the opportunity to learn how to do business and get paid in the process. Sa eskwelahan, the reverse is true. You have to pay in order to learn. Employment has a lot of value, if only you understand the benefits you will gain from it and if you develop a healthy perspective towards it.