

HUWAG MONG BILISAN!

I was told that the late President Manuel L. Quezon once told his driver, "Boy, boy, boy, huwag mong bilisan, kasi nagmamadali tayo!" At first glance, you would think that he was contradicting himself. But if you ponder on what he said, it made a lot of sense. Kasi pag masyadong binilisan ng kanyang driver, baka sila maaksidente or baka magkamali sila ng liko. Pag nangyari 'yun, mas lalo lang silang hindi makakarating sa gusto nilang puntahan. And then, they would have to spend more time and resources just trying to get back on track.

Have you ever made a wrong decision in the past? Do you remember when that happened? Di ba it was when you were rushing through the decision? Sabi mo sa sarili mo, "Dapat bilisan ko para di masayang ang panahon." O kaya someone was telling you, "If you do not grab that opportunity now, you will lose it to someone else." But have you ever grabbed an opportunity only to regret it a lot, kasi naloko ka and nawalan ka ng pera in the process? Ako, many times! Sadly, I cannot remember any decision I made noong nagmamadali ako, that went well. Ikaw ba, meron?

But why are we trying to rush through life ba? Why do we need to be in a hurry? Why do we see time as our enemy? And why do we feel it is our obligation to find a way to shortcut the process of getting there or becoming rich? Ironically, this desire has made many of us waste valuable time and lose the limited resources we have.

When I wrote the book *Creating Wealth and Managing Finances*, I wanted to show people that there is a sure way of becoming rich. However, it contradicts many of the things the world has been teaching us. In Jeremiah 6:16 (NASB), the Lord said, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ANCIENT PATH, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find a resting place for your souls..." (emphasis mine). The Bible says that there is a path that is good for us and which will give us rest. To "rest" here means to have peace in the midst of trouble. I said in the book that as fruits come out only in the proper season, so will riches come to you in the proper time. If you force a plant to bear fruit early, you will kill it. In the same way, if you force yourself to become rich right away and at all cost, you will only end up burnt out and depressed. Believe me, I took that route when I was in Hewlett Packard (HP)!

My advice to you is, huwag mong bilisan, kasi sayang ang panahon. Pag nagmadalika, baka magkamali ka ng liko o maaksidente ka pa. When this happens, you will not only hurt yourself but you will also waste time and resources. Instead, seek to understand the ancient path because the Creator established it so that, "you will be like

a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season... and in whatever you do you will prosper" (see Psalm 1:3).