

## IS GOING TO SCHOOL TO GET A JOB A TERRIBLE IDEA?

When our parents told us to go to school, to get a job, to do well and get promoted; was that a terrible idea? When they told us to work hard so that we can pay our bills and save for retirement, did they doom us to a life of slavery?

Should we now tell our children to skip school so that they can start to do business early by giving them the capital they need? Will this give them a better chance to prosper or will it doom them to a life of depression?

I did not send my daughter to college because I felt that it would be difficult to find good employment in Bukidnon. I trained her to be an entrepreneur so she can create opportunities wherever she may decide to stay in the future. Do you know how I trained her? I sent her to work as a waitress and as a clerk under two of the best entrepreneurs I know. I asked them to put her in the lowest position possible so that she will learn the essence of business and develop the character she would need to succeed.

On the other hand, I sent my son to college and asked him to take up engineering because I like the engineering mind. But will I ask him to come home to manage our farm after he passes the board? No! I told him to work for someone else first because Luke 16:12 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?"

Why did I do these?

Kasi, for me, employment is the best way to learn how to do business. Because you get the chance to apply the things you learn in school while using someone else's money. When you commit a mistake, hindi ikaw ang nawawalan ng pera kung hindi yung may Ari ng kompany. And yet, you still get paid for "doing your job." I believe going to business school is not enough, because most of your teachers do not have the experience of running a successful business. If they did, they would not be teaching in school.

But is employment a form of slavery? You only become a slave to your employer if you work just for the money you get. Kasi pag naubos na ang pera mo, you will have to go back and do whatever they ask you to do, so you can just get paid. But if you work to

grow your skills and develop your character, then employment becomes a stepping stone to freedom when you become your own boss in the future.

Do you know that most of the great entrepreneurs today went to school, got a job, learned from their bosses and used their salaries to prepare for their own ventures? Though the money they saved may not have been enough in the beginning, the abilities they gained while working for someone else prepared them to be excellent entrepreneurs later. Sana ikaw din, maging katulad nila.