

LEARN TO WANT WHAT YOU HAVE

As I said before, I believe that business should start with what you have, not with what you want. While there is no sin in pursuing your passion, disregarding what you have is wasteful and it is a form of rejecting what God entrusted to you. To do this, you must learn to "want" what you "have".

The next thing a business should do is to "take root". The roots anchor the plant and give it the ability to absorb the nutrient around it. It is the roots that decide how big a plant will grow and how fruitful it will become. In business, building a strong infrastructure should take priority, it will decide how big it will grow and how profitable it will become. Infrastructure is not about machines and buildings, it is about culture, financial values, the ability to maximize the returns of its resources, etc.

Unfortunately, most people do not give enough importance to this part of business. Instead, they are focused on looking for ways to get rich or to profit quickly. Many would jump from one business to another hoping that they will hit the jackpot in one of them. Sadly, I see this phenomena with the millennials. Many of them jump from one job to another, looking for a "jackpot" job that will make them get rich early. They do not give themselves enough time to take root.

I know of a girl who studied to be a chef in a prestigious culinary school. When she graduated she worked as a junior chef in a well known restaurant, but she found the work difficult and often humiliating. So she asked herself if all her sacrifice is worth it. Eventually, she quit to become a financial planner. She did not realize that the successful chefs are where they are today because they spent time to take root in the kitchen. On the other hand, the best financial advisors today succeeded because they spent years growing their roots. With her move, she threw away the time and money she spent on becoming a chef and will have to pay the same amount of time and money to become a good financial advisor. 1 Corinthians 6:12 says "Everything is permissible but not everything is profitable!" Shifting from one profession or business to another is not a sin, but it is wasteful and may not necessarily be profitable.

I hope this help those who may be struggling in their business and profession. However, there will always be exemptions to what I discussed.