

TIME IS NOT YOUR ENEMY. MONEY IS NOT ALWAYS A FRIEND!

Since I started working decades ago I would often hear people say, "Bilisan mo, sayang ang panahon." Or, "Seize every opportunity to make the most out of your time." They also said, "Aim to dominate the market quickly, otherwise someone else will!"

I used to live with this mindset when I was younger and working then for HP in Manila. While it was supposed to bring me riches, it also became the source of great stress. I have also seen this mindset consume other people and lead them to depression. Pero ang tanong ko, why would something that is supposed to give us success, bring pain and heartaches instead? Sabi ng Proverbs 10:22, when God makes us rich, He will add no sorrow to us. Could it be because we have been contradicting God's design for us with this approach?

I only understood things better when God made me an entrepreneur with very little resources to start with. As an entrepreneur, I discovered that the important things a business needs to succeed cannot be bought. Instead, they have to be developed over time. You can buy knowledge but not wisdom. You can buy machines but not abilities. You can find strong workers but not those with character. I learned that wisdom, abilities, and character are things you need to nurture and grow - over time.

I believe the reason why many people get depressed is because they think money can buy the things they need to succeed in life. They are made to believe money can hasten their success.

Do you know that you should give a plant time to grow strong roots so that it can produce a lot of fruit? And you should give a butterfly time to come out of its cocoon on its own so that it can develop strong and beautiful wings? If you interfere with these processes you will kill these creatures. The great breakthroughs in nature happen over time, not overnight!

Did Steve Jobs build Apple in over a year? No! He needed time to mature before he was able to build the most valuable company on earth. Did Warren Buffet become rich over a decade? No! He needed time to grow in wisdom before he became one of the richest people in the world. Even the greatest breakthroughs in business happened over time, not overnight. And in order to follow their footsteps, you should learn that time is not your enemy and money is not always your friend.