

## WHAT HINDERS US FROM BECOMING THE BEST FOR THE LORD?

The Bible says we are citizens of heaven and many of us have been taught that we are just passing through this world. And because the world has become evil, there are those who believe that God will eventually burn up everything on this earth. I believe this mindset has prevented many of us from creating wealth that would last. Why should we create wealth if God will eventually burn everything anyway? We should just make enough until Jesus comes back.

Because of this, I did not plant trees or improve the pasture of our farm during the first four years of our operations. A pastor told me then that I would just be wasting energy and resources, kasi if Jesus returns soon, no one will benefit from my work. So, why even try?

My outlook on life changed when I understood the meaning of Genesis 1:28. Since this is the first commandment God gave to man, I made it my life purpose to fill the earth so that I may someday enjoy its fruits. If Jesus comes back tomorrow, I hope He will tell me, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" But if He does not, I hope I can build up enough raw materials which my children can use to create wealth in the future. Hopefully, these will provide for their needs and make them a blessing to others.

While I am expectantly waiting for Jesus to return, I do not live for that event. Instead, I live for the promise He gave me in Matthew 28:20, where He said that He will be with me always until the end of the age. I am here on earth because I believe this is where He wants me to be (see John 17:15-17). He entrusted me with talents so that I can create wealth and use it for His purpose—to bring Him glory and attract people to Him.