

WHAT IS IN YOUR HANDS?

I said on the previous poster that an entrepreneur is someone who creates opportunities from the things in his hand. To succeed in business, we must always be aware of what we have.

Someone asked me, "Does this mean you do not agree with Steven Covey when he said that we should always begin with the end in mind?" I do not necessarily disagree with Mr. Covey, but I feel that his principle is incomplete. While it is important to set goals when you are in business, the end that you want to achieve should always be based on what you have and where you are.

If you just begin with the end in mind without a reference, or without considering what you have, you will become wasteful. When you do not consider what you have, you may end up having a rough start because you will have to start from scratch.

What is in your hands? This is a question God often asked when He is about to do something significant. When Moses told God that he has no credibility to go to Pharaoh to tell him to let His people go, God asked him, "What is in your hands?" Moses said "A staff!" When the widow of a prophet asked Elisha for help, because the debtors were coming to take her two sons as payment for her husband's debt, Elisha asked, "What do you have in your house?" When Jesus needed to feed 5000 men, He took what was available to them then, the two fish and the five loaves.

God could have talked to Pharaoh directly, but He decided to use the staff of Moses to shame the gods of Egypt. God could have sent money to pay the widow's debt, but instead asked her to do business with the old inside their house. Jesus could have let bread and meat rain down from heaven, as His Father did for Israel in the desert, but He decided to multiply the food available to them then.

What you have is a clue to what God wants you to do!

Where did this principle come from? In Genesis 1:28, God said He has blessed man with what he needs to be fruitful. In the parable of the talent, Jesus said God has entrusted us with His possession according to our abilities. But in order to produce fruits and profit from the things He has given us, we must do them in business by cultivating and keeping them.

I believe all of us have the potential to become successful entrepreneurs. Because I believe entrepreneurs are made, not born. I was not born with a knack for business, but

I believe I am relatively successful. When I followed the ways of the Lord, I was able to convert our barren land into a fruitful garden. You can do the same! But first, you must see the things you have in your hands as a blessing from the Lord!