“THE RIGHT PLACE TO WORK”

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Last week we reflected on job satisfaction. Now, we are going to reflect about finding the right place to work. Oftentimes, even if we have the right attitude with regards to our work, we are still not satisfied. This is because our job does not fit our personality.

My summer practicum in a bank during my BS Accountancy student days taught me about the importance of finding a work environment suited to your temperament. The routine of the job bored me. This is probably one of the signs that God sent me when He called me to become a pastor.

How many of us are still in careers that we have planned while we were at school? Some of us might want to change. When we want to change careers, it is not good to use the method of trial and error. What we need is to evaluate ourselves.

First, let us evaluate our work history. Galatians 6:4 says, "Let everyone learn to assess properly the value of his own work. Then he can be rightly proud when he has done something worth doing, without depending on the approval of others."

Let us ask ourselves: What do I enjoy doing? What subjects interest me the most? There are certain things that really motivate us and make us inspired. We may be good in many things but clearly we are only enjoying some of them. This basic motivational factor is one of the crucial points in deciding what kind of job we are looking for. God made us in a unique way and we need a job to match our uniqueness.

Secondly, let us evaluate our abilities. Romans 12:3 says, "... Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith God has given to you." Romans 12:6 reminds us that "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."

We will only be frustrated if we are in a job in which we are not gifted or ignore the gifts that we have. Surely, our work is enjoyable if we are gifted on doing it. This is why a good administrator of a company or organization should put people where they are gifted at. In doing so, there will be a lot of satisfied people. And satisfied people means productive people.

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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