

## **WHEN IT IS UNWISE TO HURRY** by Ms. Marlene Legasi-Munar

Palagi ka bang nagmamadali sa opisina, sa paggawa mo ng trabaho, sa paggawa ng mga desisyon, are you always in a hurry kaya palagi kang natetensyon? Should there be room for hurrying in our lives. Ano ang sinasabi ng Bible tungkol dito? When is hurrying unwise and when is hurrying wise? Let us start with unwise hurrying. It is unwise to hurry when we hurry to act without checking our assumptions, we may make very serious mistakes. Take for example what happened to King Ai. In Joshua 8:14 it reads, "When the king of Ai saw the Israelites across the valley, he and all his army hurriedly went out early the next morning and attacked the Israelites at a place overlooking the Jordan Valley, but he did not realize there was an ambush behind the city." When we hurry to act without checking our assumptions, oftentimes we make very serious mistakes. Kailan pa hindi mabuting magmadali? It is not wise to hurry or to rush to making promises. We should think carefully before rushing to making promises. Ang sabi nga sa Ecclesiastes 5:2: "Don't make rush promises to God for He is in heaven and you are only here on earth, so let your words be few." It is also unwise to hurry in responding to others with angry words. Proverbs 14:29 reminds us those who control their anger have great understanding. Those with a hasty temper will make mistakes. In the same manner Proverbs 13:3 reminds us that those who control their tongue will have a long life and a quick retort can ruin everything. It can ruin your relationships, your career and the opportunities that could have come your way. In Proverbs 19:2, we are again reminded of when it is unwise to hurry. Ang sabi sa Proverbs 19:2: Zeal without knowledge is not good. A person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way. The principle behind this is it is better to plan carefully than to move too quickly. Four principles that we need to remember regarding unwise hurrying:

1. When we hurry to act without checking our assumptions we may make very serious mistakes.
2. We should think carefully before rushing to making promises or commitments.
3. We should be in no hurry to respond to others with angry words.
4. It is better to plan carefully than to move too quickly.