

Hello Everyone! How was your Valentine's celebration? My husband and I had to defer our date because we had several speaking engagements that week. We also didn't want to get stressed with traffic and the high cost of flowers that day. Besides, everyday should be heart's day for couples, right? A friend sent this Valentine greeting last week and I want to share it with the rest of you. This is actually God's Valentine greeting to us from John 3:16.

For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
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That whosoever
Believes In Him
Should Not perish,
But have Everlasting life."

Have a grace filled week!

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Pinoy Proverbs for the Pinoy Professional

Pinoy Proverb #1: "Aanhin pa ang damo kung patay na ang kabayo."

This salawikain teaches us the value of good timing. How can we apply this proverb in our workplace today? Read on and find out why timing is everything.

- 1) Recognize an opportunity that's worth pursuing before it stops knocking on your door. A lot of great ideas that were not pursued later proved to be very viable businesses.
- 2) Don't delay in giving help. Help an officemate who is in need while he can still enjoy and appreciate the support that you can give.
- 3) Recognize good performance while your employee is still around. Don't withhold commendations. Remember that many good workers become demotivated because of lack of appreciation.
- 4) Technology changes so quickly. Use now what can be helpful to your work before it becomes obsolete.

5) Kind words spoken and kind deeds done become all the more powerful when expressed and executed at the right time. A good word used at the wrong time loses its power. A good deed done at the wrong time loses its relevance. A good tune sung at the wrong time won't sound that great. Timing is everything.

Pinoy Proverb #2: “Ang lumalakad ng mabagal, kung matinik ay mababaw. Ang lumalakad ng matulin kung matinik ay malalim.”

What do you think is this proverb all about? I'd say, it's about taking calculated risks in life and at work. There are many things that are beyond our control. When we make decisions there are many factors that cannot be known ahead of time. Given these limitations, we can minimize the chances of making huge mistakes by going slow in taking risks.

How do we apply this Pinoy proverb in the workplace today?

- Don't rush into something without carefully studying it.
- Don't commit to something without knowing what you are getting into.
- Be careful in making promises and vows. Make sure that you will be able to fulfill your obligations.
- When the investment is huge, don't decide on impulse. Think a thousand times.
- Don't utter words without careful thinking. Words that have been spoken cannot be erased.

Pinoy Proverb #3: “Ano man ang tibay ng piling abaka ay wala ring silbi kapag nag-iisa.”

This salawikain encourages us to consider the value of working in teams. As Barbara Streisand puts it, “People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.” Here are some truths about the beauty of teams.

- There is no I in TEAM. According to Dr. John Maxwell, in human relations, the least important word is “I” and the most important word is “We”. If you want to strengthen your team, stop focusing on yourself and start working with others. Team works!
- One cannot multiply by itself. Multiply 1 by 1 and you will still get 1. Multiply it by another number and it grows unbelievably.
- There is strength in numbers. Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 says, “Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. And on a cold night, two under the same blanket can gain warmth from each

other. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”
Make God a significant part of your team and you’ll never go wrong!

From the Archives - Protips written by Marlene Legaspi-Munar

Here’s good news for everyone! Many have been requesting for Protips transcripts from years past. Unfortunately, the old archive was badly affected when our computer crashed. But through the help of Ms. Marlene Legaspi-Munar who used to write for Protips, we are able to recover some of the valuable scripts that we’ve aired in the late 90’s. Enjoy your travel back in Protips Past! I’m sure that you’ll find Marlene’s articles still relevant to the workplace setting today.