

23U07 Private vs. Public Schools

Hello everyone. Welcome to the PUNLA CoffeeTable for one of our student conversations. PUNLA Christian Ministries in conjunction with our ministry partners in the Philippines has developed a series of informative modules to provide information, guidance are career selection, motivation and preparation for your future jobs and careers. As with all things in life, your relationship with God is the first priority.

In Today's conversation is Private versus Public Schools. This is really about time and cost, stewardship.

Let's pray. *Heavenly Father, thank you for being here to guide us and help to steward what you have given us. Lord help us to remember you control everything. May we surrender to control to you, so we can make the best use of every moment you have given us. Lord, I pray for everyone listening today, you know what is on their hearts. I know Lord that you and you alone can guide us, can help us. You alone can give us peace and hope no matter what we are facing in our lives. I trust you, Lord. And I pray in your name Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Today is going to be a little different than our past modules. I just want to have a conversation with you. Time, money, energy even your very life belongs to God. We are only stewards of these things during our time here on earth. God's resources are limitless but God only gives us a limited amount to steward.

So, what is stewardship? Stewardship is how you use things you are responsible for, like money, time and your own bodies.

Why is this important? Well, when we choose a school, degree or job. We have to consider time and cost. Most of us have limited time and money, so this is very important.

For instance, in the Philippines the tuition at Public Universities is free but a typical private university will cost Php100K to Php200K. So, if you have very little money, zero is a pretty valuable number. If you don't have Php100K, then private school is probably not for you. I get it. It is competitive to get into public school. Let's say you apply to a public university and don't get accepted, but you get accepted to a private school. You have three choices.

Choice One. Give up and get a job. Depending on your financial situation this might be your only choice. For sure if you are not in school, you should be working.

Choice Two. You can enroll in private school which will cost you Php200K plus fees, supplies, transportation, housing and food. You can barely afford your basic needs. You will probably finish your classes in 4 years but have unpaid balance. No degree.

Choice Three. You wait for the next opportunity and apply to public school again. Say for example you fail again and reapply a third time. You will graduate two years later than you would if you had gone to private school, but you did not spend that Php200K,

you for sure get your degree. You are far better off waiting even for a couple years than rushing into a degree program at a private school you know you can't afford.

The bottom line is waiting is not the end of the world. But I've seen it so many times, a student goes to a school they can't afford, then never gets the degree. All that money and time was wasted.

So, yes stewardship is important.

Let's pray.

Heavenly Father God. I thank you for everything. Guide us as we make decisions such that what we do glorifies you. We trust you, Lord. Help us to seek guidance and assistance from those you put in our life and from those you make ways for us to meet and learn from. I thank you Jesus for promising to guide me. I'm no good when I'm in control, so I pray that everyone listening surrender control to you. Thank you, Jesus for seeing the good in me when I did not see it in myself. I love you Jesus. And I pray in your name Lord Jesus. Amen.

Okay, let me leave you with this today. What you want or desire is really not relevant. That means it does not really matter what you dream of. What is your goal? Then choose the most cost effective path to reaching that goal. Time is money, that is true, but rushing and forcing a solution that is simply not practical is a waste of both time and money.

Thank you so much for allowing me to have this conversation with you today. Put God first in everything you do every time and trust God with everything. Then experience the abundant satisfying life that God has planned for you. Life in the kingdom of God right here on earth.

I don't know what God has planned for you, but I am confident that God's plan for you that is bigger and better than anything you could ever imagine for yourself. If you want to speak with me, you can find my email on our website. www.punla.org. Or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr. Until next time. God Bless