

Enjoy What You Have

In the book *Racing to Win*, Joe Gibbs – race-car owner and former National Football League coach – recounts some of his financial failures.

As a young coach seeking to make more money, he invested in three different ventures, all of which failed, with the last taking nearly five years of frugal living to pay off. It was only after he started seeking God instead of wealth that he became successful.

Commenting on Gibbs' experience, Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., in his book *Turning Points*, referred to a quote by Benjamin Franklin, who wrote that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

"Franklin might have been paraphrasing King Solomon, who said that 'a living dog is better than a dead lion' (Ecclesiastes 9:4)," Dr. Jeremiah said. "In other words, God's provision is far more secure than something that exists only in our dreams and fantasies. Solomon also said that 'the hand of the diligent makes rich' (Proverbs 10:4). Get-rich-quick schemes are a dime a dozen, and they usually confirm the old saying, 'If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.'"

Focus today on your work and enjoying the fruits of your labor. Both are gifts from God.

"Truth is better than time, talent and treasure. The truth of abundant life is about enjoying what we have been given, not lusting for what we have not," Dr. Jeremiah said.

Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind (Ecclesiastes 6:9).

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