Time is one of the biggest worries for us as students: we need to find a job, start doing what we learned, and earn some money to pay our debts and start a life. But, sometimes, progress doesn’t come as fast as we would like because engineering is a hard field of study. An education estimated to last four years may take up to six, and while we keep studying and giving our best effort, time keeps ticking away, and life goes on.

Such is life; we always have to put forth the effort and make sacrifices to get what we want. In my experience, I am running my own company, and it’s been a bumpy road. Since I often attend to my business, I have missed several classes at my university. As I lose classes, sadly, I also miss exams, which has put me behind friends, who will now earn their degrees earlier than I will. So, I had to sacrifice the time it will take to finish school to run a business and have financial freedom. In the end, though, it’s been worth it.

The most important thing is to enjoy what you do. I love my company and everything about it. Hearing feedback from a happy client is enough for me to say to myself, “We are doing it right,” and all the worries just wash away. Just focus on finding your path, go after that thing that makes you happy, and do it! It doesn’t matter if it takes you more time to get what you want or if you feel behind—just try to find the happiness in the journey and everything is going to be fine.

Everyone travels at his/her own pace. Someone may have graduated at 22 but did not get a permanent job until 27, while another person earned a postgraduate degree at 25 but died at 50. Maybe you are still single while some of your high school friends are already married with children. Barack Obama left the White House at age 55, and Donald Trump began his presidency at 70. Everyone in this world lives according to his/her own time. The people around you may appear to race ahead of you, and others seem to fall behind. But everyone is running his/her own race in his/her own time. Do not envy them; they are on their own path, and you are on yours. So, relax. You have not arrived late or early. You are just in time.

We are always running to get what we want. What moves you?

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