

## TAKING A RISK FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

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Are you a risk taker?

What is risk? Risk is an action that exposes you to the possibility of loss or injury. If you take a risk, you could lose some money, you could lose face, and you could lose your health or even your life. Is it wise to expose yourself to loss?

You can throw away your life in many different sinful ways and die as a result and that would be foolish. That would be wasting your life. But losing your life is not the same as wasting your life. What if the circumstances were such that not taking a risk would result in loss or injury? Sometimes it might not be wise to play it safe. It may not be loving to choose comfort or security when something great could be achieved for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls and the good of others.

I've been called a risk taker all my life. I accept that. I have taken a lot of risk in my life. But so have you. That might surprise you, but I can prove to you that it is true. You took a risk by driving to church today. You could have been killed on the road. You will take a risk eating the food you eat today. It could be tainted in some way and you could eat it and die.

You are willing to eat food in a restaurant, cooked by someone you don't know and served by someone you don't know. That is taking a risk. But are you willing to take a risk and let your waitress know that you are a Christian? Are you willing to take a risk and invite them to church?

We are all risk takers but some of us are willing to take risk for the cause of Christ and some aren't.

Esther did. She went before the King without a summons, knowing that she could have been killed on the spot. This was her words, "If I perish, I perish." She was willing to take a risk, to put her life on the line for her people.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were willing to take a risk. They refused to bow and worship the golden image. They said, "We believe that our God will deliver us from the fiery furnace but even if He chooses not to, we're not going to bow to your image."

The Apostle Paul was a risk taker. Everywhere he went, people were after him but Paul wasn't concerned about living life safe. He was concerned about living his life for the glory of God, whether by life or by death.

What are you living your life for? A paycheck? Your kids? Retirement? God? I want to live my life for Him! I am willing to spend and be spent for the cause of Christ.