

Allowing Risk

Should You Allow Risk?

- Here are risks you should NOT allow:
 - Going against God or His Word, [Num 14:41](#)
 - Ignoring His guidance and expecting Him to bail you out of your wrong decision, [Mat 4:7](#)
- Here are risks you should allow:
 - Doing what He tells you to do even when it makes you nervous, [Mat 14:28](#)
(Step out of the boat.)
 - Trying something new to serve Him, [Acts 11:19-20](#)
(Share Jesus with different people in different places.)
- Which of the following are obstacles for you in allowing risk?
 - Fear of criticism [Gal 1:10](#)
(Seek to please Jesus, not people.)
 - Fear of failure [Rom 8:28](#)
(Doing what He wants is never a failure.)
 - Focus on yourself [Php 2:4](#)
(Care about the spiritual welfare of others.)
 - Holding fast to traditions [Mat 15:3](#)
(Question any tradition that goes against God's Word or limits your ability to do what He tells you to do.)

What's at Stake?

If you don't allow risk, you miss out on opportunities.

[Acts 11:21](#)

- to grow as God wants you to grow
- to glorify God the way He desires
- to see others grow closer to Christ because you allowed risk

Allowing Risk Exercise

Each day for the next week:

- Pray asking God in what way He wants you to take a risk.
- Listen to what He tells you.
- Do what He asks you to do.

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