

"The Risk of Not Taking Risks" Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

1 Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.

2 Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

3 If clouds are full of water, they pour rain upon the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there will it lie.

4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Has there ever been a time when fear has stopped you from doing something that you know you should do? What was the cause of your fears?

Ecclesiastes 1:2-3 said that without God, life and all our efforts under the sun are vanity, meaningless, and without eternal value. But under when we live under God's will we are assured that what we do is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). How does this perspective effect the way you deal with the risk of uncertain outcome in what we do?

If to "cast your bread upon the waters" means for us to take the risk of investing in something so that we can reap its profit, what or who do you invest in and is there risks involve in making that investment?

We are to look for opportunities to invest ourselves into something. What opportunities has God given you in regard to His kingdom? How did you recognize them as opportunities?

In the parable of the talents, the master called the servant that did nothing with the opportunities that was given to him "wicked". Was this a fair assessment of him? Why?

There are uncertainties in life because only God knows for sure what the future holds, but how can these uncertainties and risks move you into action rather than to paralyze you with fear (Ecclesiastes 11:6)?