

Are You A Risk Taker?

Philippians 2:17-30

“Risk Takers” **PARABALONI** the title given to the Hero’s of the early church it literally means to risk or expose oneself to danger. These “Risk Takers were not reckless, but their faith in God led them to go beyond the comforts of this world and minister to those in dire need.

I. PAUL - The ATTITUDE of a Risk Taker is SELFLESS.

17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:17-18

1. Paul says “It’s not about ME.”

2. Paul exemplified the HUMILITY of Christ.

Paul says even if I am being poured out like a drink offering, it doesn’t matter as long as it serves Jesus and others.”

II. TIMOTHY - The AIM of a Risk Taker is SERVICE.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. 23 I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. 24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

Philippians 2:19-24

1. Timothy says, “It’s about Him.”

2. Timothy focused on the INTERESTS of Christ.

There is a single focus to the life of a “Risk Taker” to please the one he serves.

III. EPAPHRODITUS - The ACTIONS of a Risk Taker is SACRIFICE.

25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. 28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. 29 Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, 30 because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

Philippians 2:25-30

1. Epaphroditus says, "Its ALL about Him."
2. Epaphroditus lived the SACRIFICE of Christ.

IV. The Foremost Risk Taker of all was JESUS.
Philippians 2:1-11

"He poured out Himself to death."

Isaiah 53:12b

V. The REWARDS of a Risk Taker.

1. An Authentic WELCOME.
2. An Authentic HONOR.
3. An Authentic JOY.

Prayer

Lord God would you transform me into a *Risk Taker* for Your Fame.

God would You give me the *Attitude* of a *Risk Taker*. Help me to not focus my thoughts on me but on You.

God would You give me the *Aim* of a *Risk Taker*. Enable me to Serve Your interests and minister to those around me.

God would You empower me with the *Actions* of a *Risk Taker*. God give me the selfless courage to sacrifice my all for You.

Amen (so let it be.)