

Telling the truth about playing it safe

THE PERFECT GUIDE TO BEING MISERABLE

Do you identify with any of these statements?

1. One of life's most crucial objectives is to prevent getting _____.
2. Taking chances could lead to calamity. I could get _____ if I take chances in life.
3. Being _____ is of utmost importance. It is terrible to be in any kind of _____.
4. It's terrible to make a _____ decision.
5. If I take chances in life, I could lose _____ things like money, friends, approval, time, security.
6. I should _____ lose anything. Losing something is terrible.
7. I don't dare make _____. Mistakes are terrible.
8. I must always think _____ and try to foresee every possible trouble and woe.
9. I must intricately _____ all of my actions as well as the words I say in order to prevent loss, pain, and disgrace.
10. God doesn't _____ of risk-taking behavior.

Acting or making _____ without the benefit of _____ the consequences.

You can't lead a happy, _____ life without _____.

Risk-taking is _____.

Hebrews 10:38 *...my righteous one will live by faith.*

_____ in God is a risk AND the _____ way to live.

Genesis 2:16-17 *And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."*

Genesis 3:4 *"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.*

In our attempts to avoid _____, we teach ourselves to be _____.

The very thing we _____ is what _____ by not taking the risk.

It is not _____ that causes a person to refuse risk—it's _____.

Anxiety is _____ in the _____ of real danger.

Proverbs 22:3 (NIV) *The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.*

1st Peter 5:7 (NIV) *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

B _____

Romans 2:15, 16 (NLT) *They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. 16 And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life.*

R _____

Philippians 4:8 (TPT) *So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always.*

A _____

V _____

O _____

Philippians 2:13 *for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

What are you avoiding?

- ___ Telling someone else your true weak points, sins or mistakes.
- ___ Investing money in something which stands a good chance of paying off handsomely.
- ___ Asking someone for a date.
- ___ Accepting a date.
- ___ Asking for a raise.
- ___ Telling someone you like him/her very much.
- ___ Telling someone you love him/her.
- ___ Standing up and talking to someone who has in the past intimidated you.
- ___ Telling someone your wants or needs.
- ___ Inviting someone to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- ___ Talking to a stranger in a waiting room or other public place.
- ___ Asking someone (not in your family) to spend an evening/ afternoon/morning with you.
- ___ Calling someone besides family or close friend on the phone just to chat.

As you begin to take risks...

_____ to the words you tell yourself.

Never miss an opportunity to replace a _____
with a _____.

Start out by attacking the _____ risks that aren't paralyzing.

Don't _____.

Take a chance to..

S_____ the Lord for His will in situations in which you have felt fear.

T_____ the Lord to act on your behalf according to His will.

O_____ the Lord by following His directions for action.

P_____ in the blessing of the Lord by working through your anxieties with Him.