

“A Biblical Perspective on Risk.”

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Scriptural Text: Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

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I. The Reality of Risk.

*8 Whoever digs a pit may fall into it;
whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.*

*9 Whoever quarries stones may be injured by them;
whoever splits logs may be endangered by them.*

(Eccl 10:8-9, NIV)

- Invest with Liberality. (v 1)
- Invest with Diversity. (v 2)

II. The Aversion to Risk.

*4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.*

(Eccl 11:4, ESV)

“PARALYSIS OF ANALYSIS.”

III. The Danger of Risking Nothing at all.

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.”

(C.S. Lewis)

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

(Eccl 11:6, ESV)