

Great Christians Take Great Risks

- I. There are windows of opportunities God places in our life that will demand a radical step of faith. What makes the step of faith radical is that it will always involve significant risk. Pg. 157.

Career
Relationships
Marriage
Education/School
Spiritually
Financially
Physically

- II. Great faith always begins with the gospel. God never asks us to do something he hasn't first done (John 3:16).

The Good News is, when we trust in God's grace to save us through the work of Jesus, our sins are forgiven, we get a purpose for living, and we're promised a future in Heaven.
Rick Warren

- III. People who exemplified great risk:

Abraham
Noah
Moses
David
Paul
Current day

- IV. There is a Cost to Great Faith - Three Spiritual Places of Risk:
1. Sharing our Faith - our reputation
 2. Serving - our time, convenience, comfort
 3. Giving - our money or resources

- V. Great Risks Yield Great Rewards.

Hebrews 12:2 For the joy set before him.

Proverbs 11:18 'a sure reward'

1 Corinthians 3:8 NASB

1 Corinthians 3:11-14 NLT

Luke 6:23 NIV

Revelation 22:12 NIV

- VI. Steps of Great Risks.

A. Commit yourself totally to Christ.

B. Pray for God to lead you - *"God, show me where you want me to take the great risk, give me the strength to take it."*

C. Seek godly counsel. Proverbs 11:14

D. Read the Bible stories of all the people of faith.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17

E. Be prepared for a sacrifice.

There often is a cost to great faith.

Trust God for His strength. Philippians 4:13

F. Step out in faith. Hebrews 11:6 NIV *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*