

Dare to Risk ?

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"To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out to others is to risk getting involved.

To show your feelings is to risk exposing your humanity.

To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To hope is to risk pain.

To try is to risk failure.

But risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing.

He may avoid suffering and

sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, live, or love.

Only the person who risks is free."

--Leo Buscaglia

But when it comes to being yourself do you dare to take the risk? To really be yourself, you have to know who you are and why you are. As Christians we believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God, and that each of us has been given a special role in life with special talents and opportunities.

Some of your classmates seem to have lots of luck, some seem to make their own luck, and some work hard for what they achieve. Some have a hard time in school and some get by without too much effort. Some are healthy, a few have troubles with their

health, and some have physical impairments that prevent them from being able to do all they'd like.

People are like packages. Think of the package you present to others. The contents are what you are inside. Your contents include your personality, your feelings, your thoughts, ideas, dreams and goals, your attitude, and your outlook on certain things.

The wrapping is what you show on the outside. Your wrapping includes your physical appearance, your smile, your complexion, the way you fix your hair, the clothes you wear and the way you wear them, etc...

Your wrapping is the first thing people see and unfortunately many people today "judge a book by its cover."

So many of us wrap ourselves in paper that gives a false impression of the contents we have inside.

Conformity has smothered so many growing personalities. People who could have developed a talent or given a new idea to the world or helped someone, have become empty packages. They did not dare to stand out and take criticism for what they knew was right, and that is the sad conclusion to too many lives today.

"Only the person who risks is free." (Leo Buscaglia) Be your own person! Do you dare to take the risk?

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Quotables

The thinner the ice, the more anxious is everyone to see whether it will bear.
--Josh Billings

Ulcers are something you get from mountain-climbing over molehills.
--anonymous

Night Light

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility.
--1 Peter 5:5

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