

Core Value # 4

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What do the words “risk” and “safety” say to you?

If you were looking for high rewards, which word speaks best to you? Why?

Living a life of risk vs playing it safe as it relates to rewards isn't confined to the financial world. Within the Kingdom of God there is strong evidence of lives lived out on either side of the reward fence and the consequences are evident to us.

In Matthew 25:14-30 we read of the Parable of Talents. Take time to read the parable and discuss the risk vs safety as it relates to the rewards Jesus is pointing us to.

- How do those principles apply to us in relation to the core value of living out our God-given ministry?
- Where do you feel you are at in relation to risk vs safety within your God-given ministry? Are you playing it safe or are you taking risks for God?
- If you knew you couldn't fail, what risks would you take for God?

Read Psalm 139:13-16.

- In light of this passage, make a list of all the rewards that come from these truths.
- What happens to those rewards when we play it safe with our spiritual lives?
- What do we see that is needed to move forward in our spiritual lives so that our God-given ministry unfolds?
- What is your next step?
 - i. To “discover” your God-given ministry?
 - ii. To “engage” in your God-given ministry?
- What action step are you prepared to make to fulfill our core value to discover and engage in your God-given ministry?