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## Turning Your Risks Into Rewards

*(Giving What You Can't Keep To Gain What You Can't Lose)*  
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"For God loved the world so much that he \_\_\_\_\_."

### 3 Ways We Live "At" Risk

#### The risk of a life without **love**.

"There are three things that remain--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love." "Let love be your greatest aim; . . ." (1 Cor 13:13-14:1)

#### The risk of a life without **lyrics**.

"Sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people." (Psalm 96:1-3 KJV)

#### The enduring quality of **truth**.

#### The enduring quality of **beauty**.

#### The enduring quality of **love**.

#### The enduring quality of **honor**.

#### The risk of a life without **a legacy**.

"For we brought **nothing** into the world, and we can take **nothing out** of it." (1 Timothy 6:7 NIV)

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; . . ." (Acts 13:36)

### 2 Kinds of Risks That Reap Rewards

#### God rewards a **long-look** risk.

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going into another country, who called together his servants and loaned them money to invest for him while he was gone. He gave \$5,000 to one, \$2,000 to another, and \$1,000 to the last--dividing it in proportion to their abilities--and then left on his trip. The man who received the \$5,000 began immediately to buy and sell with it and soon earned another \$5,000. The man with \$2,000 went right to work, too, and earned another \$2,000. But the man who received the \$1,000 **dug a hole in the ground and hid the money for safekeeping**. After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to him to account for his money." (Mat 25:14-19)

#### God rewards a **long-haul** risk.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and **whoever sows generously will also reap generously**. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Cor 9:6-8)

"For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give--large or small--will be used to measure what is given back to you." (Luke 6:38)