

The Certainty of Uncertainty

To “Dive or Not to Dive”

“According to **statistics** by the United States Parachute Association, in 2018 there were a total of 13 **skydiving**-related fatalities out of approximately 3.3 million jumps!”¹

Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.

² Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

³ If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

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

⁵ As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman
with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

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. – Ecclesiastes
11:1-6

***Few worthwhile things in life have waited for the perfect conditions; neither
should we.***

“One of the frustrating things of life observed is the fact that time and chance can overturn our finest plans. If that can be a paralyzing thought, it can also be a spur to action: for if there are risks in everything, it is better to fail in launching out than in hugging one’s resources to oneself.”²

The Call to Faith-Filled Risk Taking of Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

¹ Google

² Derek Kidner, Ecclesiastes, pg. 97

1. Take faith-filled risks, even as you can't know the return.

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“...the one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.” - Proverbs 11:18

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

2. Certainty is an illusion and God certainly knows the outcome of all things!

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3. Take faith-filled and informed risks for the glory of God and the good of others!

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“It is a stimulating call, with no thought of faltering, yet no trace of bravado or irresponsibility. The very smallness of our knowledge and control, the very likelihood of hard times...become the reasons to bestir ourselves and show some spirit.”³

³ Ibid. pg. 98

1/1/20	\$5,416.22
12/31/20	\$5,423.20
Accrued Interest	\$6.98
Percent Increase	.0013
2020 Inflation	.8
Bottom Line	"Safe", but poor return!

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“Without the willingness to take risks...
 Moses would never have gone back to Egypt
 Elijah would not have faced the prophets of Baal
 Esther would not have appealed to the King for the lives of her people
 Daniel would not have prayed three times a day
 David would not have stood before Goliath
 Rahab would not have helped the Israelites
 Peter would not have stepped out of the boat
 Barnabas would not have embraced Saul
 Paul would not have gone on his missionary journeys!”⁴

“Upon a life I did not live,
 Upon a death I did not die,
 I risk my whole eternity
 On the resurrection.”⁵

⁴ I don't recall where I read this; not mine.

⁵ Charles Spurgeon