

Security Brief 3 Script – Risk Values Part 1

Ed Nye the Security Guy here with another Security Brief.

Last time we talked about how we take risks as global workers that other believers likely will not. And that we do so for the sake of Christ, and in obedience to his call.

Because of this, we all must develop a solid Theology of Risk which must be guided by the principles that we find in Scripture. You will hear more about this later, but today I'd like to talk about how our values as believers should guide our decisions about risk in missions. Properly internalizing and embracing biblical values can also help us in moments of risk. These values will guide us to act in alignment with scriptural principles.

Today, I'd like to talk about two such values – love and worship – and how they relate to risk.

The Christian value of love is foundational to all Christian Ministry, and particularly important for our calling as global workers. If we truly love God as He deserves to be loved, we will also love those that He loves. Then we will be willing to risk all for their sake because He also risked all for our sake. As Romans 5:8 says, “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”. Missionary Dick Brogden put it this way, “Missionary impulse... is sourced in our love for Jesus and His love for the lost which compels us to make risk our default.”

My decision to risk, as a global worker then, should reflect my love for both God and others.

The second value is the value of Worship. My love for God means that I love what He loves, and this becomes my act of worship.

True worship is reflected in Romans 12:1 which says, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” In other words, my worship of God will, of necessity, lead to specific acts and not be restricted to a matter of the heart.

One of the ways global workers do this is to introduce those who have not heard the gospel to Jesus. This is a risk that, at its best, is a pure act of worship given in honor to God. As one writer said, “Risking our lives for Christ can be a beautiful, worshipful experience. We see our shortcomings so well in risk, but we also see God's grace poured out on us and others through the experience.”

To sum up, a sound Theology of Risk should be based on the principles found in Scripture and our lives should reflect scriptural values. Two of these values are love and worship.

Now you know.

Next time, we will discuss two other values: Obedience and Faith. We'll see you then.