

I. Ministry is _____. vv. 17-25

- A. There is risk in knowing we are likely to find ourselves at odds with ______ beliefs and structures of our day. v.17
- B. There is risk in knowing we are likely to find ourselves at odds with ______ beliefs and structures of our day. v.18
- C. There is risk in knowing we are likely to find ourselves at odds with members of our own immediate and/or extended ______. v.21.
- D. There is risk in knowing we are likely at some point, to be at odds with virtually ______. v.22a

II. The risks of ministry demand our awareness of, and commitment to, a few things. vv. 19-25

- A. We are aware of the resource of the _____ and will commit ourselves in moments of risk to His enabling presence. vv.19-20
- B. We are aware that ______ is the mark of true salvation and will commit ourselves to remaining faithful to Jesus. v.22b

- C. We are aware that because the gospel will not be tolerated everywhere, we will keep ______ to new areas and opportunities. v.23
- D. We are aware that our association with Jesus puts us at odds with any who oppose Him—and will count it a ______ to be alienated or slandered for His name's sake. vv.24-25

III. All of this helps put fear in its proper place. vv. 26-33

- A. When fear is in its proper place, we are _____ and use the best platform we have to share the gospel. vv.26-27
- B. When fear is in its proper place, we only fear God—knowing that the worse thing that can happen is physical _____. v.28
- C. When fear is in its proper place, we affirm our eternal ______ to God in the midst of our challenges. vv.29-31
- D . When fear is in its proper place, we _____ our relationship with Jesus whenever and with whomever we can. vv.32-33