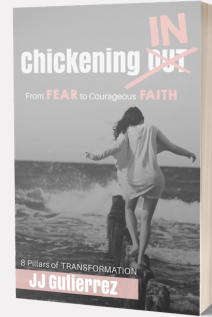


Nine Steps of Risk Strategy Planning Worksheet

From Chapter 4- Pillar #3 Taking Calculated Risk



1. **Identify the Risk-** what risk do you want to take? Write it here. Be detailed. What are you afraid of and why?

2. **Gain Wisdom and Understanding-** *“Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgement”* and *“If you instruct the wise, they will be all the wiser”* (Proverbs 4:7, 21:11). What do you need to learn? What skills, knowledge or information do you need to research or find out about to make this risk a smart risk? Write down things you need to know about, places you can go to learn, books you need to read, etc. Then, commit to taking the time to grow in knowledge.



3. Gather Community Around You- *“Plan succeed through good counsel; don’t go to war without wise advice”* (Proverbs 20:18). Gather people you can trust who have no ulterior motive. Seek out people who experts in the area you want to take a risk or make a change. Share best practices. Ask a lot of questions. Write down the names of the people you can reach out to here. Makes plans to meet.

4. Identify Roadblocks- *“The wise are cautious and avoid danger”* (Proverbs 14:16). Look for anything that might prevent you from taking this risk. Things like money, resources, people or internal things like worry, fear, feeling insecure or not good enough. Write them here. Then create either an action plan or a personal rebuttal to each one.a



5. **Know Your Enemy-** *“He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour”* (1 Peter 5:8). We need to expect our enemy to attack. Satan would like nothing more than to keep you from walking in faith and taking risks for God. Think of the areas of weakness that Satan may use to plant seeds of doubt? Be proactive against his attacks and be ready to stand firm. Acknowledge them and bring them before the Lord. Write them below. Then, write a prayer to God asking for His protection over your mind and heart.

6. **Know Your Weakness-** *“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness”* (2 Corinthians 12:9). Everyone has weaknesses. Know yours. Admit them. Bring them before God and understand how it might impact your risk. Pray about them and lay them at the feet of Christ. Write them here.



7. **Focus on the Positive**- Our minds are powerful. Stay focused on the positive possible outcome. Write down all possible positive outcomes here. Dwell in them. There hope and courage will be found to take the risk.

8. **Take Small Doable Steps**- Remember all great things happen one small step at a time. Break down you risk into tiny, doable steps. Focus on each step instead of the end result. Fear will decrease when you map out small, practical steps. Write them down here. This will be the beginning of your action plan.

9. **Take the Leap of Faith**- Once the first 8 steps are completely vetted out and you've done your due diligence to reduce the risk and be a smart risk taker it's time to take the risk. Risk be 100% eliminated but you have reduced your exposure to possible negative outcomes. It's time to Chicken IN!

