

**Do you have
the guts to be
the first to try
something
better?**

It Takes One to Start One

**It's Time That We
Break the Silence**

Why Are You Waiting?

It really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop. Like anybody I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now, I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain, and I've looked over and I've seen the Promised Land.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEUTRALITY

moral crisis . . . The battle

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they
sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and
the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have
to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he
stuck it out:

Don't give up though the pace
seems slow—

You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than it seems
To a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured
the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when
the night came down
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close
you are,

It may be near when it seems so far.
So stick to the fight when
you're hardest hit—

It's when things seem worst that
you must not quit.

*Those who never
dare to climb
are those who
never know how
high their dreams
could take them,
how far their
hearts might go!*

*"We know what happens to people
who stay in the middle
of the road—they get run over."*

—Aneurin Bevan

ON RISK TAKING An article in the Saturday Evening Post gave me a different slant on risk-taking. Consider the following statistics:

Many people fear dying in a plane crash. Yet the odds against that are 100,000 to 1. Statistically, a person is more likely to be kicked to death by a donkey than to die in a plane crash.

Fear of being murdered is also extremely high, yet a person is 8 times more likely to die while playing a sport than to be shot by a stranger.

A third great fear is that of surgery - of dying on the operating table. But once again, the chances of death there are tiny (1 in 40,000), compared with the risk of driving a car on a daily basis (1 in 4,000).

When it comes to taking risks, most of us were curiously irrational. Millions of people buy lottery tickets, even though we were 3 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to strike it rich. It is ironic that we spend money on extremely long and improbable odds, and blithely ignore the relatively short odds that concern our health and well-being. For instance, insurance companies predict with startling accuracy that being 30% overweight knocks 3 1/2 years off a person's life expectancy

What does this mean? Says that article: "We don't appreciate what are the big risks and what are the small ones. Put another way, when it comes to risk, we are idiots."

Undoubtedly, the biggest risk people take is that of living without the salvation that Jesus Christ provides! "The Fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'." Psalm 14:1