

RISK TAKING ASSESSMENT

Circle 1-4 where 1 = Never, 2 = Seldom, 3 = Often, 4 = Always

1. Are you willing to make a decision that doesn't have a guarantee of success?
1 2 3 4
2. Are you willing to share opinions that you aren't sure will be received well?
1 2 3 4
3. Do you try a new behavior without knowing if it will work?
1 2 3 4
4. Would your peers/friends/colleagues say you make innovative decisions?
1 2 3 4
5. Do you entertain new ideas with enthusiasm rather than skepticism?
1 2 3 4
6. Do you encourage open discussion and disagreement among in work groups?
1 2 3 4
7. Do you surround yourself with people who promote distinctly different points of view?
1 2 3 4
8. Do you ask numerous questions, not worrying whether they will reveal ignorance?
1 2 3 4
9. Do you voraciously read to expand your experience?
1 2 3 4
10. Do you learn from your mistakes?
1 2 3 4
11. Do you learn actively, e.g. do you know how many new things you learned this year?
1 2 3 4

This instrument was developed using a variety of sources that describe the behavior of creative and risk taking individuals.

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I AM ONLY ONE PERSON

I am only one person.
What can one person do?

Rosa Parks,
Was just one person.
She said one word.
She said it on December 1, 1955.

One person
Said
One word.
She said it on a bus.
She said it to the bus driver.
On the Cleveland Street Bus in Montgomery.

The bus driver said,
'Stand up, Nigger woman,
And give up your seat
To that white man!'

Rosa Parks,
One Person,
Said one word,
The word was 'No!'

One woman
Said one word
And a nation
Blushed!

One woman
Said one word
And a world
Talked!

One woman
Said one word
And the Supreme Court
Acted!

One woman
Said one word
And the buses were
Desegregated.

I am only one person.
What can one person do?

They put her in jail,
Because she 'didn't know her place.'
Because she 'didn't stay in her place.'
Because she was an 'uppity Nigger.'

It was Thursday
When she said
That one Word.

One Morning
The buses ran.
The Negroes walked.
Each white man had two seats.
Empty seats.
Symbols of a people,
Moved to walk,
Moved to march,
Moved to act
By the sound of
One woman's
One word,
'No!'

One woman
Said one word
and 17,000 people
Walked.