

## *Going Broke vs. Going for Broke*

Going broke  
means you're losing;  
going for broke  
expresses your longing.

Going broke  
is depressing;  
going for broke  
is exhilarating.

Going broke  
is unfortunate;  
going for broke  
is testing fortune.

Mismanagement and inefficiency  
will make you go broke;  
inspiration and perseverance  
will prod you  
to go for broke.

Care and circumspection  
will help you avoid  
going broke.  
You throw caution  
to the winds  
when going for broke.

Loneliness and isolation  
are signs that emotionally  
you are going broke.  
Self-sacrificing love  
and total commitments  
are invitations  
to go for broke.

When assessing your  
spiritual capital  
you notice your soul  
going broke,  
faith in the Lord  
and trust in His providence  
are ways of  
going for broke.

True,  
when prospects are slim  
and your motive is impure,  
it is foolhardy  
to go for broke,  
since it is likely  
you *will* go broke.

However,  
there are times in life  
when, even though  
your dreams may  
end up in smoke,  
it is worth the try  
to go for broke!

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