The Low Bid by John Ruskin

It's unwise to pay too much but it's worse to pay too little. When you pay too much , all you loose is a little money .That's all ! But when you pay too little you sometimes loose everything because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing that it was bought to do. The common law of business practise prohibits paying a little and getting a lot . It can't be done ! If you deal with the lowest bidder ,it's wise to add something for the risk you run and if you do that, you will have enough to pay for something better !